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## Odom Library, Sandy Hume Computer Center benefit from The Dunvegan Foundation

Katherine McLeod, Chairman, Projects/Grants for The Dunvegan Foundation of the Clan MacLeod Society, USA, Inc., sent a letter and a check for $1000 to The Odom Library as part of The Dunvegan Foundation 1998 honors.

The Odom Library has ordered about 3 dozen CD-Rom's with the funds. These CD's include a great variety of genealogical information that will be useful to genealogists, Scottish and otherwise, for years and years to come. By purchasing CD-Rom's, the grant was stretched to many times its amount!

The CD's will be a part of the new Sandy Hume Computer Center at The Odom Library which was begun after the untimely death of Sandy Hume, son of Odom Library friend, Brit Hume.

Each of the CD's will be marked as materials made possible by The Dunvegan Foundation and Clan MacLeod.

## Murray Clan Society is 103rd group to come home to Moultrie!

The Murray Clan Society became the 103rd group to house records at the library.

While attending the Culloden Games April 24, President Robert W. Murray gave a copy of the Society's genealogical database to Beth Gay for The Odom Library, as a secondary repository of its genealogical records.

The information was submitted on a Macintosh version of the Personal Ancestry File or PAF.

Since so many others have now utilized the facilities in Moultrie at The Odom Library, it is important that the Murray records also be available.

If you have any questions concerning your Murray heritage, either before or after visiting The Odom Library, please direct your questions to Robert W. Murray, President, 803 Evergreen Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610.

## The Federation of Genealogical Societies invites you to Cincinnati

"Immigrant Dreams: The Settlement of America" will be a conference for the nation's genealogists this coming 19-22 August in Cincinnati.

There will be over 120 lecture and demonstration sessions for genealogists of every level.

For more information, a program booklet detailing the 1998 conference write FGS Business Office, PO Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220.

# THE CLAN MACLEOD NEWSLETTER RETURNS AS GRAND PRIZE WINNER!

### *THE DENMARK FAMILY ALMANAC RUNNER-UP GRAND PRIZE!*

In the largest newsletter contest yet, *The Clan MacLeod Newsletter* returns as Grand Prize winner in the closest judging yet! Congratulations to editor Harry E. Boyes of Ionia, Michigan!

A first-time entry, *The Denmark Family Almanac*, edited and published by Steven Daniel and Janet Lee Denmark of Seattle, Washington has won the 1998 Runner-Up Grand Prize!

Mr. Boyes will be awarded the large Revere Silver Bowl, appropriately engraved, plus a banner for the Clan MacLeod to display and a certificate. Mr. Daniel and Ms. Denmark will share a smaller Revere Silver Bowl, appropriately engraved and a certificate.

First Place in the Scottish Clan Category has been awarded to *The Clan Montgomery Society*

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## C. Blake Powers presents Virginia Davis Powers Collection to Odom Library to honor his mom

C. Blake Powers of Macon, Georgia has presented his mother's extensive genealogical collection to The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library.

Mr. Powers writes, "My mother's genealogy library is an extensive resource for many families, that she painstakingly built over several decades. At her death, I was charged with maintaining and doing what I could with computerizing the records and archiving the materials. It was also her wish that the materials, within concerns for protecting and preserving the various historical documents, be made accessible to reasonable requests. Given time and logistic constraints, this has not been a task that could be readily accomplished on my own."

He continues, "I am, therefore, extremely pleased to announce that these materials have been accepted by The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library in Moultrie as the Virginia Davis Powers Collection. The library will be cataloging the materials, preserving the historical documents and otherwise working to make

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# News from

**The National Archives is now on-line...**

John Carlin, Archivist of the United States, reported recently in *The Record*, that his goal for the National Archives Web Site is to provide "a virtual card catalog of all NARA holdings nationwide, including those in the presidential libraries and regional facilities." Digital copies of more than 100,000 of the most popular documents will be viewable on-line.

Also available will be congressional documents, maps, exploration of the west records, land sales, district court case files, architectural drawings and many historic photographs.

NARA now has a special page for genealogists at <http://www.nara.gov/genealogy>

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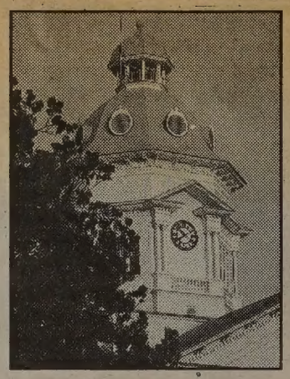
## Great things happen in Moultrie, Georgia



Moultrie is home to the Moss Farms Diving Team which produces world-class divers. Recently, Colquitt County High School Senior Katie Beth Bryant of Moss Farms won the women's 1-meter springboard event at the Cinergy/PSI National Diving championships held at the Indiana University natatorium in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The victory will allow Bryant to represent the United States in the Goodwill Games to be held July 23-27, 1998.

Bryant and Moss Farms teammate Clayton Moss were selected from the junior divers competing at the Cinergy/PSI event to represent the US in the International Youth Diving Meet in Walkralburg, Germany in June.

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### Texas State Genealogical Society holds conference in November

The Texas State Genealogical Society will hold its 38th Annual Conference at the Hilton Hotel, College Station, Texas on Friday and Saturday, November 6 & 7, 1998.

The featured speaker on Saturday will be Leslie Smith Collier of Dallas, Texas. Richard Hooverson of Belton, Texas, John Sellers of Sulphur Springs, Texas and John Wylie of Garland, Texas will be the speakers for the short sessions on Friday.

An awards banquet honoring winners of TSGS Writing Awards will be held on Friday evening. For more information, contact Wanda L. Donaldson, 3219 Meadow Oaks Drive, Temple, TX 76502-1752. Call 254-778-2073.

### Need a Nebraska newspaper?

If you need information from Nebraska newspapers, you may borrow them via microfilm from the Nebraska State Genealogical Society, 15th and R Streets, Lincoln, NE 68509.

Write for ordering information and costs, please.

With thanks to the *Longmont Heritage* publication.

### Fairfield Historical Society has new hours

The Fairfield Historical Society Library in Fairfield, Connecticut has new hours of operation. The library will be open all day Saturday and closed to the public on Monday. Please make note of the new schedule if you are planning a research trip.

The new hours are: Tuesday - Saturday, 10 AM - 4:30 PM. Sunday, 1-4:30 PM. Closed Monday.

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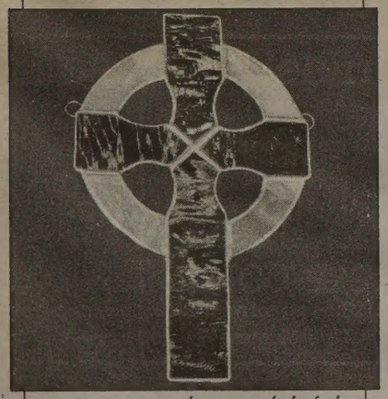

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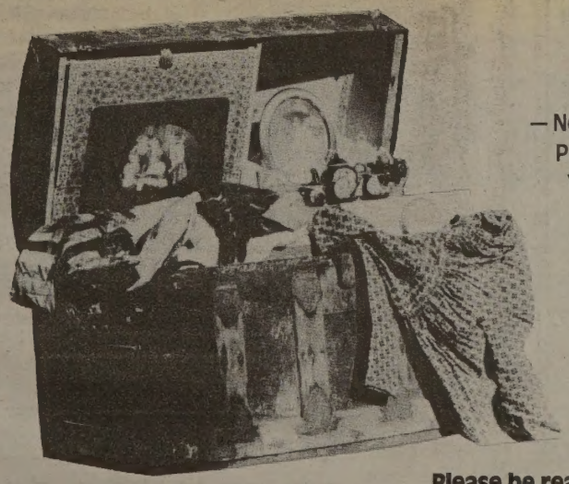

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The reports of site locations are completed forms submitted by postmasters, mostly in the period from 1865 to 1946, giving the location of their post offices and other geographical information. They typically show the location of post offices in relation to nearby post offices and transportation routes and facilities and some reports show the location in terms of legal land descriptions and/or small grid maps of the vicinity of the office.

The series has been reproduced in Microfilm Publication M1126, Post Office Department Reports of Site Locations, 1837-1950 and copies for a specific office or a few office can be purchased for 25 cents a page (minimum order of $6). For larger orders, the Archives can also furnish positive copies of Microfilm Publication M1126 for $23 a roll. Each roll generally contains several counties within a state. There are 683 rolls in the set.

To order the site location reports, your check or money order should be made payable to the national Archives Trust Fund and directed to Cashier, National Archives, Trust Fund, Washington, DC 20408-0001.

Since about 1950, the Postal Service has not used the site locations forms to record changes in post office locations. For information after this date, it is recommended that you check with the nearest Postal Service Division or management Sectional Center in your area.

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### What kind of mail?

Before 1857, the mail from the east to California was taken by ship from New York to the Isthmus of Panama, carried overland to the Pacific side and resumed its voyage to California. When the government in Washington was pressured to provide overland mail service to the west, they awarded a contract to James Birch to carry mail twice a month from San Antonio to San Diego. The mail was packed on the backs of mules, and accordingly acquired the name of "Jackass Mail."

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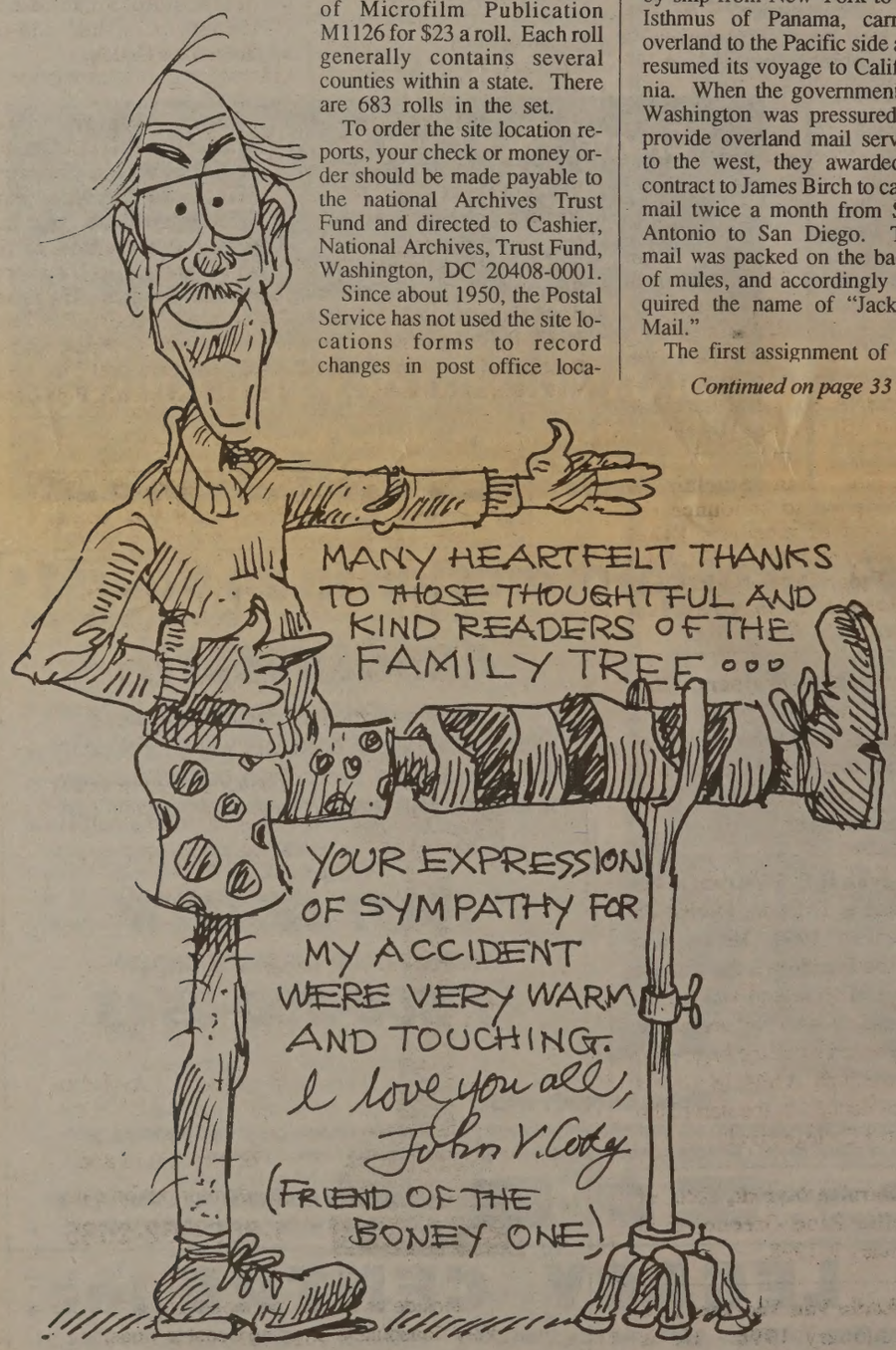


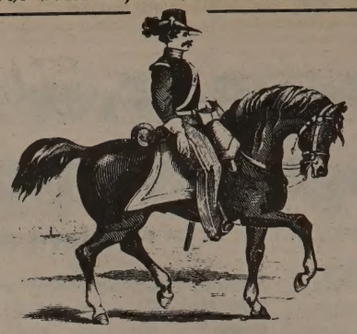

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# Pony Express

If you find a letter that had been delivered with no stamps in your family documents, this means the letter was written before 1847. In 1711, fourpence was the charge to carry a letter any distance up to 60 miles, sixpense was the charge for 60-100 miles. Fourpence in English money was about 8 cents in American money.

These rates applied to letters on a single sheet of paper. If two or three sheets were used, the rates were doubled or tripled. Postage was not paid in advance because of the uncertainty of delivery but was collected from the person to whom the letter was addressed.

The mailmen were called postriders.

About the time of the American Revolution, stagecoaches were used for carrying mail because they could carry a heavy load and mailing became cheaper.

With the rapid settlement of California, the Pony Express began weekly service in 1860 between St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California. Later, two trips a week were made.

The primary purpose of the service comprised part of the Northern defense strategy during the Civil War by providing a fast, central link with California that Southern raiders couldn't harm.

California was helped to stay in the Union during the 17 months that the Pony Express existed.

The Central Overland California and Pikes Peak Express was the actual name of the Pony Express. In 1860, a San Francisco newspaper printed this advertisement:

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In 1847, our present system of prepaid postage became the practice by means of stamps. However, the riders of the Pony Express left much in the way of legend in American history and romanticism.

*From your ed., the cowboy: It must have been some anniversary or another of The Pony Express...but years ago The Bit & Spur Saddle Club was asked to take part in a race with the modern Post Office from Jacksonville Beach, Florida to the City of Jacksonville. As I remember, there were four or five of us who loaded our horses into Gene Glessner's big truck and took them to the beach. We had real "Pony Express" mail bags to hand off to the next rider. We'd race for a 1/2 mile or so and then trade off the sack to the next rider and load up the horse, haul to the next trade-off place...and then take another turn when everyone had "carried the mail."*

*There were no ambushes, dust storms or "bad hombres" in our way...but, as I remember, we RAN our horses right beside Beach Boulevard while traffic was whizzing by...and thought nothing of it.*

*The four-legged mail carriers from Bit & Spur won the race! It seems the team from the real Post Office had thought we would be so slow, they stopped for coffee!*

# Flowers of the Forest

**Dr. Malcolm Stuart Ferguson,** cofounder of the Clan Fergusson Society of North America became ill with pneumonia on Palm Sunday, April 5, 1998. He died Friday, April 17 and his Memorial Service was held Thursday, April 23 at the First Presbyterian Church in Port Charlotte, Florida. Kathryn F. Henneberg, Secretary of the Clan Fergusson Society of North America wrote, "Malcolm has been one of my dearest, closest friends....He was a man of faith, a man of integrity, a man of vision. Blessed with a towering intellect, a dedication to his work, and a capacity for friendship of the same magnitude. Malcolm was an inspiration to me. I shall miss him always."

**Herbert James "Herbie" Hume**, 54, of Davis Crossing Road in New Durham, died January 20, 1998 after a motor vehicle accident in Alton.

He was a lifetime member of the VFW and was a past commander of the American Legion Post No. 113 in New Durham. He was a Mason and was a member of Winnipesaukee Lodge No. 75 F. & A.M. He was the president of the annual Hume Family reunion and the Northeast Convener for the Home/Hume Clan of North America.

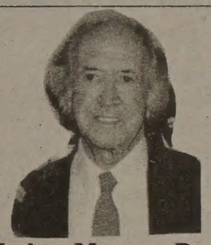
Proud of his Scottish heritage, he participated in the Highland games and wore his Hume tartan kilt.

**Susan Davidson Kelly,** Glasgow, Scotland, died last November 23 of a rapidly spreading cancer. She was the accommodations coordinator for several Clan MacLeod Parliaments.

**Thomas MacLeod Simchak,** died last July 27. He was a member of the Clan MacLeod Society. He was a graduate of Bowdoin College, and as a youth, sang in the choir at Washington National Cathedral. He died at age 45, he was a native of Washington and is survived by his wife, Mary, a brother and a sister.

**Gussie T. McLeod** of Sumter, South Carolina died last August 17. She was 84 years of age and a member of Clan MacLeod.

**Blanche McLeod** of Bishopville, South Carolina, died at the age of 84 last August 25. She was a member of Clan MacLeod.



**Judge Marcus Benton Calhoun,** 80, of Thomasville, Georgia died Sunday, April 19 at his home. Judge Calhoun was a member of many civic groups and was President of the North American Chapter of Clan Colquhoun. In 1941, he joined the FBI and was sent to New York for a year of training in Counter-Intelligence. He quickly rose to the rank of Special Agent Supervisor, but resigned in 1946 to practice law in Thomasville. He was later appointed Solicitor General of the Southern Judicial Circuit and then in 1969 he was appointed to the bench by Governor Lester Maddux. He served as Superior Court Judge for over 20 years and then accepted Senior Status.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice Wolfe Calhoun and three sons, a daughter and two sisters.

**Miss Madeleine Trethewey,** long time member of the Scottish Historic & Research Society of the Delaware Valley, died last April 7. She was a resident of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania in Lafayette Hill, but was a former resident of Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

**Elizabeth Sutherland,** 106, died in Wilmette, Illinois. When she was finance chairman of the Girl Scouts of Wilmette in 1935, she approached two local bakeries about making a sugar cookie in the shape of a Trefoil, a Girl Scout emblem, for the scouts to sell.

She selected Wilson's Bakery because they used butter in their cookies instead of lard. She went to Sweets Tin Shop and had them make Trefoil-shaped cookie cutters.

By 1936, 2,500 dozen cookies were sold door-to-door in two days. Eventually, Girl Scouts throughout the state of Illinois began selling cookies to help support their troops — and you know the rest of the story.

She is survived by two daughters, both of whom are members of The Clan Sutherland Society of North America, Suzanne S. Miller and Nancy S. Sampson, eight grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

**Donald W. Sotherland,** member of the Clan Sutherland Society of North America, died January 5, 1998. He collaborated with the Clan Genealogist in the design and operation of the CSSNA ancestral database and will be missed by all.

The Clan Sinclair is saddened to announce the deaths of members **Ethel Corley** on June 1, 1997, **John L. Tudor,** December 1997 and **Eleanor Ruth Gray** last March 25.

**Michael Wolpert,** Clan MacLachlan piper and teacher, died this past July of heart trouble. He is survived by two daughters and grandchildren.

**John H.E. Blue** died at his home in Orlando, Florida on April 13, 1998. He was one of the founding fathers of the Sept of Blue and was a past president who had served on the board since the beginning of the Sept. A highlight of his presidency was the start of the Berea College Fund.

**Bernice Myrick,** sister of Nellie Blue Greene, died January 9, 1998.

**Eddie Van Voorhees** died in January 1998. He is survived by his wife, Lucy, who is the sister of John H.E. Blue.

**Matt Thomaston,** Vice Chairman of the Southeast Chapter of the Clan Gregor Society, passed away 23 December 1997. He was also a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and served as the Membership Chairman of the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta and was past Vice President of the Atlanta Burns Society.

**Elizabeth Calhoun Stewart,** 70, of Brookhaven, Mississippi died last July 3. She is survived by her husband, John, daughter, Helen Anderson and a son living in Hattiesburg, another son living in Brookhaven.

**Edwin W. Stewart,** 78 of Simpsonville, South Carolina, died Saturday, October 4, 1997. He was a long-standing member of CSSA and helped with Stewart Genealogy.

**Lowry Lee Stewart**, 92, born December 8, 1906 and died January 16, 1998 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He was a long standing member of the Clan Stewart Society of America.

The Clan MacKinnon Society sadly announces the loss of four members recently. **Lillianette McKinnon Gortemoller, Paul James MacKinnon, Sr., Nettie S. Hampton** and **Mona Tompkins Dodds.**

**Pipe Major Dan Armstrong** died last October 12. He was a longtime member of the New York Caledonian Club. He had served as Chieftain of the NYCC and also as Director of Scottish Studies. He raised two pipe bands: The New York Scottish Pipes, Drums and Dancers and The Long Island Ravens MC Pipe Band.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The year for Scots to celebrate their 600th anniversary is here! Certainly this is a time to take pride in heritage.

Twelve sailing ships, led by Prince Henry Sinclair and manned by 200-300 Scottish Knights and Monks set foot on the North American continent in 1398. Their navigator was Antonio Zeno from Venice, Italy.

Henry Sinclair was born more than 600 years ago at Rosslyn Castle in Scotland. He became the Earl of the Orkney principality. In order to rule its 200 tiny islands, Prince Henry built a navy, which was larger than that of Norway!

In 1398, searching for land where freedom could be found, Prince Henry led an expedition westward across the dangerous Atlantic. His ships landed in Nova Scotia and later traveled southward to the Merrimack River in Massachusetts. They were not conquistadors as were many other explorers. Instead, they were welcomed by the Micmac Native Americans. The Europeans were peaceful and harmonious, setting an excellent example for us to follow today, 600 years later.

While on an inland scouting excursion, one of Prince Henry's comrades, by the name of Sir James Gunn, died. To mark his memory, an effigy was carved on a stone ledge in what is now Westford, Massachusetts. This is one of the proofs of Henry Sinclair's presence in America 600 years ago. Many historians believe that this expedition journeyed even further south to the Rhode Island coast, where they built what is known to day as the Newport Tower as part of a settlement in the New World.

Sinclair returned to Orkney and, within a year, was slain in battle. Antonio Zeno, his navigator and log-keeper, returned to Venice and died at about the same time. Unfortunately, the ship's log, known as *The Zeno Narrative*, was placed in storage, not to be discovered again for more than a hundred years. It is little wonder that the world does not know about the remarkable voyage in 1398 by Prince Henry Sinclair.

Celebrations for the 600th Anniversary will take place in many locations in the USA and Nova Scotia during the coming months. If you would like a complete schedule, please send SASE to The Odom Library, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776.

*(There will, in addition to the listed events, be a talk on Prince Henry as part of the COSCA Friday programs and seminars just before Grandfather Mountain.)*

Events for June include the Central Massachusetts Scottish Festival, Leicester, MA , 13 June (Art & Cindy Douglas at 508-865-2273); Grand Master's Fair, Charlton, MA 14 June (Matthew Mallard at 508-755-6721); Western MA Highland Games, Brimfield, MA 27 June (Gordon S. Flaws at 708-385-7805).

## Uncle Sam was Scottish!

Yes, America's legendary Uncle Sam was an ultra patriotic meat packer from Chicago whose parents had earlier emigrated from Greenock, Scotland!

### Surprising microfilm records from Eastern Europe

Genealogists often think that microfilming of records in East Germany did not occur until after the reunification of Germany. This is not true. Filming started in East Germany in 1949, three years before filming started in West Germany.

During WWII, the National Socialists stored many governmental and genealogically valuable records in abandoned mines and castle ruins which were considered unlikely military targets. Some concerned Mormons tracked down the records in salt mines at Strassfurt and in castles at Rothenburg and Rathsfeld. The records were kept out of the hands of former Nazi and Russian officials and were transported to Berlin for return to their proper place of origin or were placed in various Berlin repositories. Many of these records were filmed before the end of the work in 1952.

While Poland was still under Communist rule in 1967, the Director General of the Polish State Archives asked the Mormon film crews to film Polish civil registration records. There were 10,675 rolls of such film made between 1967 and 1975. The Roman Catholic Church also asked to have many of their records filmed.

Ask at your local LDS Family History Center about these microfilmed records.

# MYSTERIOUS MUMMIES OF CHINA

Margaret Cotton Spiry and Lt. Col. Alfred J. Spiry, Sr., (USAF, ret.) wrote with information about the mysterious mummies found in China. They write, "For the Chinese archaeologist who stumbled on them, it was the discovery of a lifetime. In one tomb, a priestess, tall and blonde with exquisite hands and unmistakable European features reposed. Nearby were red bearded mummies with fine tartan clothing and feathers in their caps. What were these people doing in the Takla Makan Desert, western China along the Old Silk Road, 3000 years ago? NOVA, WGBH Educational Foundation, PO Box 2284, South Burlington, VT 05407-2284 has produced a video entitled "Mysterious Mummies of China." You may write PO Box 2284, South Burlington, VT 05407-2284 or call 800-255-9424. Their internet address is <http://www.wgbh.org> The video is $19.95 plus $3.50 s/h.

While the bodies were not mummified in the Egyptian way, the desert and the dry soil preserved them so that their skin, hair, fingernails and clothing were perfectly preserved. Near the burial ground of these mummies are old, abandoned monasteries high up on cliffs with caves that contain dancing fertility figures etched in rock. These images are identical to images found in Bulgaria and the Ukraine. A remove cave is lined with drawings of the Tocharians - descendants of the "mummy people," showing red hair, blue eyes and words in a European script.

The visit of the video expedition to the area shows that the features of the present day inhabitants with European features, round eyes and some with blonde hair - definitely not Chinese.

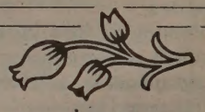
These people, it has been discovered, had the wheel and carts - both of which did not come to China until 1000 years later.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Spiry write "Family Trees, Twigs, Chips" for *The Madison Courier* and *The Weekly Herald* in Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana. Contact them at 2729 Arbor Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45209-2206.

### Cornish help now on CD-ROM

Another research tool has recently become available via the Internet. *Cornish Roots*, a CD-ROM, enables researchers access to databases available in Cornwall. The CD includes the following features: full transcripts from the 1851 census; a gazetteer of over 15,000 Cornish places; The Cornish-American Connection Database; maps and parish register lists; descriptions of hundreds of Cornish places; famous people; Cornish family names; Cornish place names and two musical slide shows.

The cost is 39.95 pounds. For more information you may access Cornwall Online at <http://www.cornwall-online.co.uk>



### Funeral Programs wanted!

The African American Genealogical Research Institute (AAGRI) wants your funeral program collections! The AAGRI has collected nearly 4000 funeral programs of African Americans from across the United States for genealogical research purposes. The goal is 10,000 in 1998! It can be done with your cooperation and assistance. We can't do it alone. Help the AAGRI to surpass its goal.

Please send your original or back-to-back copy of African American funeral programs to AAGRI, PO Box 637, Matteson, IL 60443-6370.

### American slaves went to Mexico

Most Americans are familliar with the stories of slaves fleeing from the South to Northern States and Canada via the Underground Railroad. But, did you know that many slaves took refuge in Mexico?

Mexico had enacted anti-slavery laws before the US Civil War. Runaway slaves were welcomed in Mexico and given land to farm. Many ex-slaves accepted this generosity, settled there, learned the language, married local women, raised families and have descendants still living in Mexico today.

With thanks to the Immigrant Genealogical Society via the *Ventura County Genealogical Society Newsletter.*

## Highland Song

*Lee Snowden*

Wherever in this life I roam
The Isle of Skye shall be my home
That misty land of Gaelic lore
Calls to the highland blood once more

And should I die across these seas
Just let me face the Hebrides
And let my heart forever dwell
Within the gates of Armadale

And I shall rest in Heaven's Glen
Where there with Conn to ride the wind
But only if my eyes should see
Fulfillment of the prophecy

For who shall sit upon the throne
When Scotland comes unto her own?
And who shall guide us as
The Bruce When England turns her jewel loose?

So let us sing our highland song
And dance on shields the whole nightlong
For from the royal Scottish throne
A native son shall rule his own

(c)1996

Lee Snowden writes, "This poem was a finalist in the 1996 Scottish International Open Poetry Competition in Ayrshire."
*Thanks, Lee!*

## Dolly's had a little lamb

Dolly, the world's first sheep to be cloned from an adult animal has given birth to a healthy lamb - completely by natural means, confounding those who argued that Dolly would be sterile. The mother and daughter, Bonnie, were recently on display for photographers at the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh.

Bonnie's dad, a Welsh mountain ram, was not present at the birth.

With thanks to *The Caledonian Courier, the Magazine of the Caledonian Society of Mississippi.*

Write them: 863 Highway 469 North, Jackson, MS 39208.

### How about a $29,000 slice of wedding cake?

There were 18 sessions from February 19-27 of this year to sell 2,987 lots of the collection of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor at Sotherby's in New York City.

A piece of their wedding cake sold for $29,000!

The top lot in the sale was a signed and dated oil-on-canvas painting of HRH Edward, Prince of Wales on his chestnut hunter, Forest Witch. It sold for $2,312,500.

The collection of this couple caught the interest of the world as about 7,000 people attended the sale and 30,000 absentee bids were placed.

A three-volume, 1200 page catalog with 2,000 illustrations documented the sale of the Windsor collection. For catalogs or information on future Sotheby's sales, contact them at: 1334 York Ave., New York, NY 10021. Call 212-606-7000. Visit their web site: <http://www.sothebys.com>

## Lochaber Trump competitions again at Grandfather Mountain

Lochaber Trump competitions will take place again this year at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. If you know anyone who plays an old-timey "Juice-Harp", Jaw-harp or Jew's-harp, ask them to come along on Sunday afternoon and win some valuable prizes brought from Scotland.

Last year's winners were: Farquhar MacRae, Corpach Inverness-shire; Joe Corporan of Raleigh, NC; and Chris Hefley of Nashville, TN. Honorable Mentions were given to Mrs. Hetty MacAulay MacRae, wife of Farquhar.

### House of Gordon has connection to movie *Titanic!*

Sir George B. Gordon Robinson does special effects for the movie industry. He was the chief electrician for the movie Titanic.

George was enthusiastic about that work as he is about all his endeavors and will be glad to share a tale with you when you see at Highland Games. Ask him about meeting Kate Winslet!

*The House of Gordon publication said that there are no Oscar's for electricians so they offered the House of Gordon's congratulations. How about we add "Congratulations" from the entire Scottish community!*

### Did you have family on *The Titanic*?

Lawrence R. Berry of the Genealogical Society of Sarasota, Florida is quite knowledgeable about the tragic *Titanic* disaster, having had family on board.

He would like to speak with others who have a similar interest. Please call him at 941-966-5222.

## The Scottish connection to the *RMS Titanic*

Most of the world has seen the movie, and now a recently developed theory has emerged that a manufacturing problem in Glasgow, Scotland, may have contributed to the sinking of *The RMS Titanic.*

Tim Foeke, a metallurgist working at the federal government's National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Maryland has published his findings.

While the great ship was not built in Scotland, its' hull was held together with rivets made outside Glasgow at the D. Colvilles and Co., Steel Works. Over 3 million rivets went into the overlapping steel plates to make the hull and flaws have been found and measured. Made of wrought iron, rivets must contain about 2% of the glassy by-product slag - which adds strength. But, too much slag makes brittle iron and the tested rivet had a content of close to 9%.

In addition, the streaks of slag which should run parallel made a sharp change of direction near the missing rivet head, causing severe structural weakness.

On April 14, 1912, the iceberg may not have cut through the hull. The rivets may have just popped on impact, laying the hull open at the seams, leaving an opening which may have been no larger than a closet door.

Another ship, the *S.S. Olympic,* built with the same kind of rivets suffered the same type of damage after a ship to ship collision.

While the iceberg, human error and ego are probably all to blame, the new findings on the rivet irregularities may prove that precious time was lost after the collision, may change the way we look back at the sinking of the *RMS Titanic.*

With many thanks to the *Saint Andrews Society of Southern Nevada, Inc.*, 4713 Maroon Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89130.

### Clan Sutherland member, Julie Baker, member of *Titanic* cast

Film fans across the country have rushed to see Titanic, the most expensive film of all time, as well as the best-grossing box office attraction of all time.

Julie Baker, a former resident of Leigh, England (her daughter still lives there) attended auditions while visiting her daughter. Julie and her husband, James, were both offered parts, but Jim declined, citing work commitments. Jim is Clan Sutherland Society of North America Convener for Southern California.

Julie was picked, not only as an extra, but also in a character role. She played the part of a 60-year old Swiss woman, Lisa Lazarol, a first class passenger.

From her home in San Diego, she said, "I've seen the film three times so far, and each time I see myself in different scenes."

Julie has always been in show business and has traveled around the world with her dancing talents.

At age 25, she moved to Italy from England with her then husband and back to England after the birth of her daughter. She met and married Jim eight years ago, after being introduced to him by a cousin.

Julie spent 7 months on the set of the film, 50 miles from the border in Mexico.

With thanks to *The Dunrobin Piper,* publication of the Clan Sutherland Society of North America.

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### New book to help find Cherokee ancestors

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There is a wholesale discount structure as follows: 1 - 23 units: $13.95 retail less 30%; 24 or more units $13.95 retail less 40%.

Contact Tony Mac McClure at Chunannee Books for more information.

### Interesting research information for African-Americans

South Carolina Archives & History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223, presents *African American Confederate Pensioners.* The South Carolina Confederate pension applications were tendered under the act of 1923. Although South Carolina provided a short-lived disability compensation in 1866 and pension relief for regular Confederate soldiers as early as 1887, the state did not recognize the service of South Carolina's African Americans until 1923.

The 1923 pensions often give the type and location of service in detail. This is a book invaluable to anyone researching African American genealogy in South Carolina during the Civil War years. Write Carrie Bassett at the above address for full information.

### *Lowndes County, Georgia, Probate Records July Term 1847- January Term 1852*

Transcribed and published by Charles R. Corbett and edited by Dr. Joe Knetsch, this library quality buckram F hard cover binding - 285 page, full name index book lists for $35 plus $5 shipping and handling. (Florida residents please add 7% sales tax.) Make checks payable to Charles R. Corbett, PO Box 3502, Tallahassee, FL 32315-3502. Call 850-562-8051. Email: <ccorbett@concentric.net>

This book contains the complete transcription of the records in a court register entitled the *Surviving Docket,* so named because it is the only register of probate records for Lowndes County prior to 1869 which was not destroyed by fire. The records are currently housed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Ordinary at the Lowndes County Courthouse in Valdosta.

### Austin presents genealogy books

Jeannette H. Austin, 176 Thornton Drive, Fayetteville, GA 30214, presents over 1200 books for sale. The books mostly refer to Georgia records and are available on disc or CD (Windows or McIntosh compatible).

Ms. Austin has a FREE online genealogy newsletter (distributed via email) and online Bible records (free). To subscribe to the newsletter, email <jha@atl.mindspring.com> or go to website <http://www.genealogy-books.com/>

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those records available to all. It will not happen immediately, in that more than fifty boxes of materials were given to form the backbone of the collection - and they are also in the process of copying additional materials that has been made available. Other materials are also being discovered as we discover them."

Mr. Powers says, "If anyone would like to aid this effort, monetary gifts to the library will aid the process. Such gifts can help defray costs associated with the cataloging and archiving efforts, and with getting the materials into a manageable form. For example, many of the documents can be bound into books for a cost of about $10."

"I would also encourage others to donate materials to the library and/or the collection. The library is an outstanding genealogical resource, and the donation of materials and information will only strengthen its work and our own in documenting our families and heritage," Mr. Powers wrote.

He continued, "I think my mother would be very pleased with this decision. It places her carefully documented and much praised work where the maximum number of people can make use of it, preserves the historical documents and other items and will allow it to be cataloged and placed into new media. I hope that you share my pleasure at this development and will consider adding to it."

### Franco-American research flourishes

Scholars active in the field of Franco-American research continue to enrich the corpus of knowledge by their continued projects. Some noteworthy ventures are:

Elizabeth Aube, a Franco-American, who teaches at Erindale College of Toronto's York University, has set up a work group called LIFRA. This group studies theory, practice and criticism of Franco-American literature. The company also fosters the creation, diffusion and the study of Franco-American literature.

Eloise Briere, of the State University of New York at Albany is still compiling a database of talented Franco-Americans.

Raymond Pelletier of the University of Maine at Orono, continues to research and teach a course in Franco-American studies. The main textbook for the course is *Steeples and Smokestacks* recently published by the French Institute of Assumption College.

With thanks to The American-French Genealogical Society, PO Box 2113, Pawtucket, RI 02861.

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Contact the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee by writing PO Box 12034, Tallahassee, FL 32317.

### Cut this out and save

Most countries have their own naming customs, but the Scots had a very highly developed system of naming children. It went:

The eldest son after the paternal grandfather.
The 2nd son after the maternal grandfather.
The 3rd son after the father.
The Eldest daughter after the maternal grandmother.
The 2nd daughter after the maternal grandmother.
The 3rd daughter after the mother.

Subsequent children would be named after still earlier forebears, but generally the naming pattern in their cases would be less structured.


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**BRITISH ORIGINS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS, 1629-1775** by William Dollarhide. 63 pp., ind., maps, 1997. Focuses on Puritans, Quakers, Scotch-Irish, and early Virginians. Identifies sources to help you locate the places from which these four major groups came. Paper. **EN-131 $12.95**

**SCOTTISH SURNAMES & FAMILIES** by Donald Whyte. 312 pp., ind., 1996. Published in Scotland this is a dictionary of popular Scottish surnames, giving each name's derivation and some history of the families who have borne it. Paper. **ST-114 $15.95**

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**THE SCOTTISH SETTLERS OF AMERICA--The 17th and 18th Centuries** by Stephen M. Millett. 234 pp., rep. 1998 (1996). The Scottish homeland; emigration; settlements in the Chesapeake Bay area, the Carolinas and Georgia, New England and N.Y., Penna., Del., and N.J. Scots in the American Revolution are also treated. Paper. **ST-124 $25.00**

**THE EMIGRANTS--Historical Background, List of Documents, Extracts, and Facsimiles** by the Scottish Record Office. 48 pp., ill., biblio., 1994. Descriptions of documents held by the Scottish Record Office pertaining to emigrants from Scotland to America. Paper. **ST-117 $8.95**

**THE SCOTS-IRISH IN THE CAROLINAS** by Billy Kennedy. 207 pp., ill., ind., biblio., maps, 1997. Deatils of journeys made by Ulster Scots, some who came through Charleston, S.C., and the Piedmont area, some who traversed the Great Wagon Road from Penna., through the Shenandoah Valley of Va., into the western highlands of N.C. and down to the historic Waxhaws. Paper. **ST-934 $15.95**

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**ULSTER LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES, MUSEUMS & ANCESTRAL HERITAGE CENTRES** by Robert K. O'Neill. xiv, 178 pp., ind., 1997. Pocket-sized guide to the resources available in the nine counties of Ulster: Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Donegal, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry, Monaghan, and Tyrone. Special collections held by any repository are noted. Paper. **ST-123 $14.95**

**SCOTTISH QUAKERS AND EARLY AMERICA, 1650-1700** by David Dobson. 52 pp., ill., 1998. This list, alphabetical by surname, gives information on Friends in Scotland prior to 1700, and those Quakers of Scotish origin settling in East New Jersey in the 1680s. Paper. **ST-935 $10.95**

**THE CLANS, SEPTS & REGIMENTS OF THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS** by Frank Adam. xii, 624 pp., ill., ind., reprint 1998 of Eighth Edition (1970). A comprehensive work, treating the history of the ancient clan system and how it evolved, Highland garb and customs, septs, clan law, tartans, Highland surnames and titles, and much more. One section recounts the histories of the Highland regiments; another illustrates and describes the armorial bearings of the clans. Even the war cries (slogans), banners, music, and language of the Highland clans are dealt with. Paper. **ST-128 $45.00**

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There will be a meeting at the LaQuinta plus a tent at the Games Friday and Saturday and dinner together Saturday evening.

A new Board of Directors, Convener and Secretary-Treasurer will be elected.

Call Tom Agnew the week before the San Diego Games at 724-864-5625 if you wish more information.

## Family History Conference set for Ireland

"Searching for that Elusive Irish Ancestor...The Wild Geese of 1998" Family History Conference is set for 8 September 1998 in Belfast and Dublin, Ireland.

Following the huge success of the seven previous conferences in That Elusive Irish Ancestor series, the Ulster Historical Foundation is pleased to offer a conference based in Belfast and Dublin, subtitled The Wild Geese of '98. The conference will take as its backdrop the historical implications of the United Irishmen's rebellion in 1798, how it impacted on the climate at home and in particular how it was a further spur to increased emigration from Ulster especially of those political exiles forced to flee from Dublin Castle's reaction to the uprising. While placing this event within the historical context of the patterns of migration from Ulster during this period, the conference will focus on making practical use of the genealogical research sources available to the family historian in the main record repositories in Ireland. It will be interest to those at all levels of ancestral research and will assist them in making effective use of the resources available in Belfast and Dublin, benefiting both the learner and the well seasoned genealogical researcher and offering them an opportunity to move further down their ancestral trail.

For a conference brochure write Shane McAteer, Secretary, Ulster Historical Foundation, 12 College Square East, Belfast, BT1 6DD, Ireland. Call (01232)332288. Email: <enquiry@uhf.dnet.co.uk>

## Irish Family Names Society moves

The Irish Family Names Society has a new address to better serve friends on both coasts. The new address is PO Box 861656, Plano, TX 75086-1656.

The society specializes in basic research looking for the origin of Irish and Scots-Irish surnames including the history and origin of native Irish families and others who came from the continent to make Ireland their home.

The society publishes its findings in book form and currently offers three books: *A Guide to Irish Roots, The Scotch-Irish* and *The Scotch-Irish Who Came to America.*


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In your January-February issue, there was an article, "A Source Checklist On YOur Computer." For the last couple of years I've found it very hard to keep my genealogy research organized and have had problems keeping track of the items that I have. Ms. Hegners's idea was very good and well thought out. I really appreciate your magazine and this article. Both provide your readers more ideas when it comes to genealogy research. **Michele, TX**

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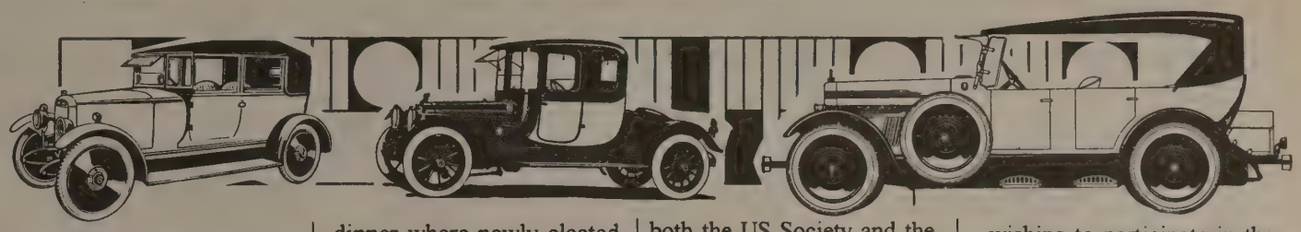

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is working to reduce the traffic congestion and headaches suffered last year. The "Old Yonahlossee Trail" a 1 1/2 mile drive from Linville to MacRae Meadows will be used by the buses to travel up the mountain, easing congestion en route to the games.

For the first time, vehicle parking will also be provided in the town of Boone at the A.S. U. State Farm parking lot. Signs will be posted around town and notices placed in local hotels. Security will be provided for vehicles and buses will run from the area to the Games.

General public and those not wishing to drive through the traffic from the Boone area are encouraged to try this new shuttle. The round trip price is $5.00.

In addition, paved parking will be available at Avery High School for the public arriving out of Tennessee. Security will be provided for your parked vehicle.

To increase bus turnaround time, the bus loading zones at MacRae meadows have been enlarged.

Patrons are being cared for as well. The number of Patron offers will be restricted this year to assure parking for all.

There will be NO PARKING signs along 221 to ease traffic flow in and out of MacRae Meadows.

The non-curfew camping area will be enlarged. Camping will remain capped at the level set by last years' attendance.

## Clan MacIntyre Association plans Council Meeting at Grandfather

Clan MacIntyre Association, founded in 1978 at The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, is pleased to announce its return to these Games for its 20th annual Gathering. The Grandfather Mountain Games and Gathering of the Scottish Clans, Linville, North Carolina are scheduled for July 9 - 12, 1998.

CMA will conducts its Council Meeting on Friday evening. A Saturday evening dinner where newly elected Council Members will be announced and the 1998-1999 officers will be elected - is planned. A Friday excursion to Biltmore Estate in Asheville is on the agenda as are other activities. CMA will have tents at the Games on Saturday and Sunday.

For information concerning the Gathering, please contact Marti Jernberg, VP-Programs, 1163 Fairwood Dr., Elgin, IL 60123. For CMA membership information, please contact Melanie Wright-Ladd, CMA Secretary, 214 W. College St., Mt. Olive, NC 28365.

## Hendersons celebrate 10th anniversary at Grandfather

Plan now to join Clan Henderson at their 10th Anniversary Gathering at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this coming 9 - 12 July at Linville, North Carolina.

This is an election year and officers will be elected for both the US Society and the new Canadian Society. You have to be present to vote.

Call Sugar Mountain Real Estate at 800-438-4555 for condo rental information.

For more information on the Clan Henderson Society write 8500 Wendell Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308-2158.

## MacDougalls meet at Grandfather

The Clan MacDougall Society of North America, Inc., announces its Annual Meeting of the Membership to be held July 10, 1998 at 4 PM in the pool pavilion of the Eseeola Lodge, Linville, North Carolina. Members wishing to participate in the business of the Society should attend.

For more information contact the Clan MacDougall Society of North America, Inc., 8540 Rancho Drive, Ooltewah, TN 37363.

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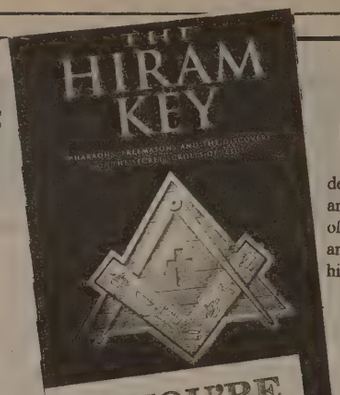


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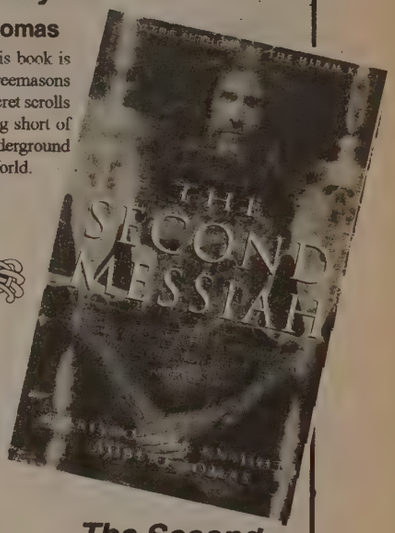

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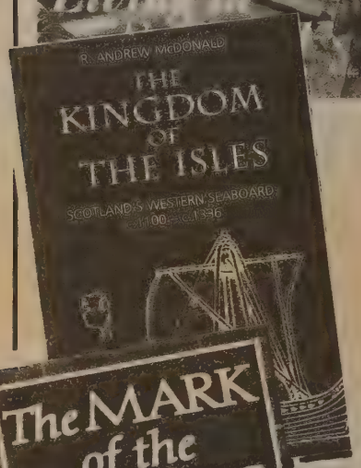


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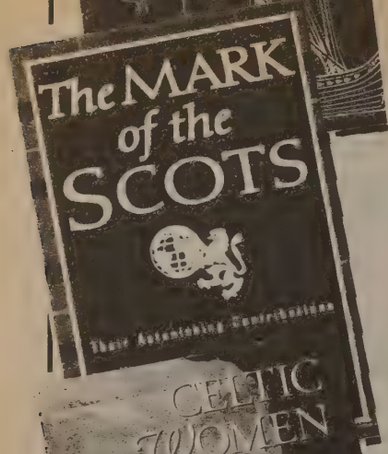


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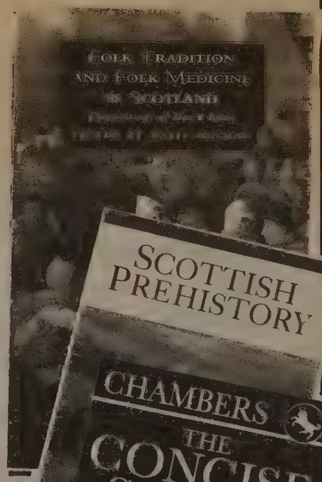


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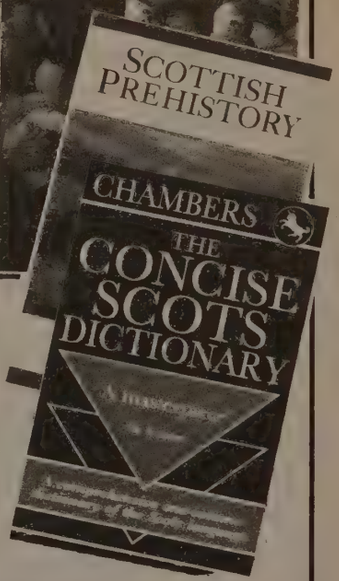


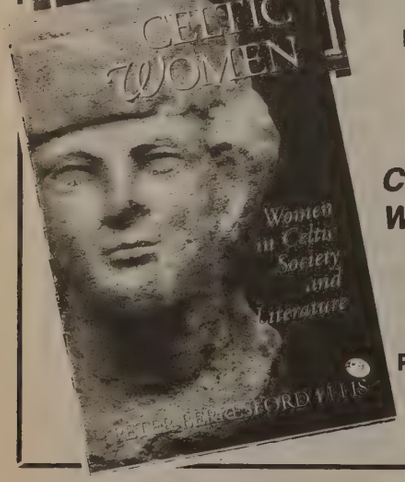


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## Resources for Research in Poland

Although entitled *Jewish Roots in Poland - Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories*, Miriam Weiner's book is an invaluable tool for all researchers with ancestors from Poland. It is a shame for me that it was released just months after my visit to Poland last summer, because it would have saved me months of toil finding the archives that housed documents relevant to my research. With this book, "For the first time, it is now possible to determine what documents exist for a particular town among the major archival repositories in Poland." It includes archival inventories for the Polish State Archives and 75 branch archives, the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, more than 400 local town halls with 20th century records representing 1,250 towns and 5,375 entries.

This volume is a beautiful travel album of Jewish sites in Poland, with pre and post WWII pictures of *shtetls*, synagogues, Holocaust monuments and cemeteries. There are 14 specially created maps in color, 52 document samples, 293 color photographs as well as over 200 black and white photographs. Through her pictures and inventories, Miriam Weiner has regained a lost or forgotten past of Jewish life before the Holocaust. She gave a breath of life to many vanished Jewish Polish communities. Leon Uris, author of *Exodus*, commented, "Miriam Weiner, through her vital book, *Jewish Roots in Poland*, has given credence to the proposition that a civilization gone and its people destroyed, will never be forgotten."

As an experienced genealogist and probably using her talents as a former private investigator, the author meticulously researched this book for its formal production, but one can easily see that her heart and soul were in this project which were published with cooperation from the Polish State Archives and jointly with YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. She acknowledged many people and institutions for their assistance in the compilation of this impressive reference work, but gratitude to her parents for their love, guidance and support shows the poignant reason for the book's completion. Even though her parents did not live to see this remarkable book in publication, I am sure they smile down upon their daughter's fine accomplishment and contribution, not only to the world of Jewish genealogists, but to all the historians and archivists interested in the history of Poland found in its records, pictures and monuments.

In this column (VII, #6) about my recent trip to Poland, I mentioned that, years ago, Miriam shared a personal translation guide with me that made my trip infinitely easier. Now, she is sharing her timeless resource treasure with everyone. *Jewish Roots in Poland - Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories* by Miriam Weiner may be ordered by writing to The Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots Foundation, Inc., PO Box 2879, Clifton, NJ 07015-2879 or by reaching the Website at www.rtrfoundation.org The book is only $50 plus shipping and handling.

Miriam Weiner has a very thorough bibliography or resources about Poland (although she calls it a "Selected Bibliography") at the end of her book, but I am including a modest bibliography of my own which aided me in the pursuit of my family's German history in geographic areas that are now part of Poland.

If you would like a copy of Carol Davidson Baird's Bibliography, please send a SASE to your *Family Tree* editor, along with a request.

### Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society plans Fall Meeting

The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society (MAGS) will hold its Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 24, 1998 at the Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel, Hagerstown, Maryland. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM and the program will begin at 9:15 AM. Cost is $25 for members and $30 for non-members, which includes a buffet lunch. Registration deadline is October 10, 1998. Vendors and ample parking available. For details, contact Joan Sheviak, 3519 King Arthur Road, Annandale, VA 22003. Call 703-560-7144.

The meeting topic will be *Computer Sources, Techniques and Technology.* Two speakers are from Hagerstown, Maryland - John Frye of the Washington Co., Free Library will discuss "Washington County Research." Linn Hendershot, Western Maryland Center, will discuss "Genealogy in Cyberspace." Ed Winner, Chairman of *MAGS Surname Exchange Index*, will explain the techniques and technology of the *Index* and how it can be used to expand your genealogical research. Concluding the day's events will be Donna Valley Russell, Editor of the *Western Maryland Genealogy Quarterly*, leading a panel of experts in a question and answer session.

For hotel reservations, call the Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel, at 301-797-2500 or 1-800-654-2000, not later than 8 October. Mention MAGS to get the rate of $56 per person, $8 each additional person.

### Help for Germanic researchers

In Germany, men had to complete military training before receiving permission to emigrate. Because of this, many families left Europe without official permission.

Some of the undocumented emigrants can now be identified.

A database of persons who were not found when the government tried to contact them is being compiled. The Germanic Emigrants Register will eventually cover the years from 1820-1918 and will include some 800,000 entries.

The Immigrant Genealogical Society, PO Box 7369, Burbank, CA 91510-7369 has the microfiche index to the first 277,000 entries covering the years 1895-1918. Volunteers will check this list for you and provide a translation of the information to the index plus a form and instructions for submitting a search of the databases in Germany. Write for complete information.

With thanks to the *Minnesota Genealogical Society*, via *Prince George's County Society Bulletin* and *Gems of Genealogy.*

Please say you saw it in The Family Tree!

**Are you doing Genealogical Research on an American Physician?**

The National Genealogical Society now offers a research service for entries in the

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### More measures...

Lawrence Berry, 375 Renoir Drive, Osprey, FL 34229, has written us a nice letter with more information for our "measure file."

Mr. Berry writes, "In the April/May Family Tree you give a list of measures from the Clan MacRae publication. This is written to add one very important distance measure to that list. It is the span, the length between the thumb and the little finger with the other fingers closed.

It is commonly taken at 9 inches (*Your editor, better known as "Short Fingers" has a span of 7 1/2 inches).*

The reason this means something to me in genealogy is that my great grandmother was named Spann. This name goes back to England and Wales. In this country, the first person of my family of this name was Captain John Spann of the Ship *Rupert*, Commander of the British West Indies Fleet in the 18*th* century. A main purpose of the fleet was to protect the waters and rid the area of pirates."

You may contact Mr. Berry at the address above or at <Laridot@aol.com>

### Why in the world are railway tracks made 4 feet 8.5 inches?

The US Standard Railroad Gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. Why was this odd number used? Because, according to *The Past Finder*, that's the way they built them in England and the US railroads were built by English expatriates.

Why did the English build them that way? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did **they** use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Okay. Why did the wagons use that odd wheel spacing? It is thought that if they used any other spacing, the wagons would break on some of the old long distance roads because that's the spacing between the old wheel ruts.

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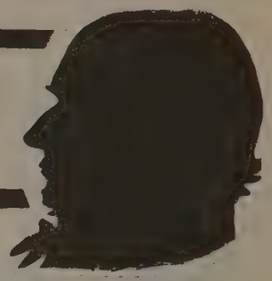
*Mimi Lozano Holtzman*

# *Buscando Nuestras Raices*



## Fernandez/Fernan/Fernando/Ferrandez

Fernandez is an ancient surname, derived from the given name Fernando. It is the second most popular surname in Spain and the 11th most popular Hispanic surname in the United States. Numerous Fernandez men served with Cortes in the 1520 entrada and received land grants. The recipient was required to develop the land and pay taxes on the increase. If unsuccessful, the specified land returned to the crown. Prosperous care retained the rights of inheritance for the descendants.

Mario Grajeda Fernandez, through a 1708 will and 1815 land documents has traced a line back to the property of Juan Fernandez de Retana. Juan declared to have been born in 1648 in the Vizcayan town of Manclares de Gamboa, Province of Alava, Spain. In 1688, Juan is appointed Captain of the frontier Presidio de San Francisco de Conchos. In 1707, Juan becomes Alcalde Mayor of Santa Eulalia, now the city of Chihuahua. A year later, in 1708, Juan dies, leaving a last will identifying and detailing his property.

Bartolome Fernandez de Mendoza, Alcalde Mayor of Leon claims the inheritance rights of a 'sitio de ganado mayor" (large hacienda) from a Juan Fernandez de Retana. The document is registered in the Archivao de Parral in 1723.

Casimioro Fernandez married to Micaela Gonzales registers this same title in 1772. Among their children is Francisco Fernandez. Francisco marries Petra Ortega Layva.

Francisco's 1842 will details valuable information concerning the decimation of the family ranch by an Indian attack in which all original land titles and documents were lost. In 1815, the King of Spain demanded that all lands not paying taxes be reregistered and titles given so that taxing could commence and royal revenues again assessed. Mr. Grejeda had a notarized copy of the 1815 assignment of property received by Francisco Fernandez, approximately 18 square miles.

Jose Dolores Fernandez, a descendant of Francisco and Petra Saenz became the next administrator of the family trust, which in the last will states that property must be held as a "mancomum," held in common by all the descendants and to work the land as brothers "in-solidum." Responsibility passes next to son Juan Jose Jesus Fernandez (born 1837) married to Petra Grajeda Valles, Mr. Grajeda's ancestor, his great-great-grandfather. The original settlement of 50 related families has presently become a town of about 5,500 people, now known as La Boquilla, Chihuahua.

Continuous Apache attacks, French intervention, Mexican civil wars and the Mexican-America war wrought havoc to the estate. A bribed public notary conspired with immoral foreign investors to rob the Fernandez clan of water rights. In defense of land, gunfire broke out against the "Las Gorras Blancas," an army of foreign mercenaries hired by foreign investors to enforce legalized stealing of property. Epigmeno, son of Juan Jesus Jose, fearing reprisals from Porfirio Diaz, fled and joined Pancho Villas Army.

Seven sons and one daughter were born to Epigmeno Fernandez and Maclovia Fierro Roidallegas. Exiquio, born 1896, married Concepcion De La O. Garcia, the line through which Mr. Grajeda traces his roots. Mr. Grajeda remembers as a child traveling from California with his mother, Margarita Fernandez (born 1935), to visit his grandparents in Mexico.

"My grandfather was tall and very Spanish. My grandmother was the opposite with many Indian features and influences.

I witnessed social, cultural change unfolding within my own family. It fascinated me. This 'mestizaje' gave me the foundation to know who I am and to be proud of my ancestral roots. When I took college history classes, I remembered my grandfather's stories about the history of the family. The names, the battles, all had personal meaning. I wanted to know more and I still want to know more."

Other surnames in this line include Saenz, Cano, Fierro, Rodallegas, Ortega, De La O., Garcia, Gonzalez, Grajeda, Valles.

With thanks to Mimi Lozano, member of the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research.

### How did I come this far without knowing these things?

A few issues ago we had an article about why our railroad tracks are the distance apart they are. It turns out, they are the width they are because, ultimately, they are the same width as the wheels were apart on Roman war chariots!

Now, here are more fascinating facts from the *Larimer County Genealogical Society* via the *Seattle Genealogy Society* and the *Bulletin of the Genealogical Society of South Brevard.*

A mile is 5,280 feet long because that was the distance 1,000 double steps of a Roman legionary took. This measurement has actually been fiddled with just a little...as Queen Bess added a few more feet so the mile would equal eight furlongs.

If you want to figure out how large the ancestral lands were...and your measurements were in perch, chain, etc., you know it all goes back to Gunter's chain, invented in 1620 by an English mathematician. The chain was 66 feet long, the width to which streets were laid out.

On Gunter's chain were 100 links, each a little under eight inches long. Old linear measurements decreed that 25 links make 1 pole, also called a rod or a perch, each of the three equaling 16 1/2 feet. As noted, 100 links (or four poles/rods/perches) make a chain or 66 feet. So, 10 chains make 1 furlong (equaling 660 feet, as horse-racing fans should know). 8 furlongs make 1 mile (8 x 660 feet), or 5,280 feet! 3 miles make 1 league.

I never knew that a foot was the length of Charlemagne's foot, modified in 1305 to be 36 barleycorns laid end to end.

An inch was the width across the knuckle on King Edgar's thumb- or three barleycorns.

A yard was the reach from King Henry I's nose to his fingertips - a distance also twice as long as a cubit.

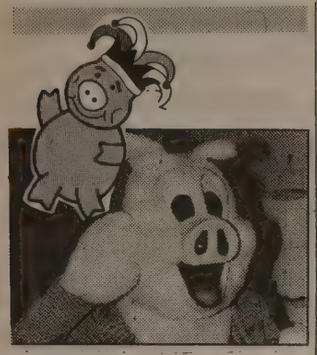
A cubit was the length of the arm from elbow to fingertip.

A furlong was the length of a furrow a team of oxen could plow before resting.

An acre was the amount of land a yoke of oxen could plow in one day.

A fathom was the span of a seaman's outstretched arms; 880 fathoms make a mile.

***Wonder why they never named a measure after the amount of land a mule could plow in one day? Would that be a hee-haw?***



**Mo Hawg writes for**
*The Family Tree*

Scottish police are looking for a man named Joseph, wanted for cattle and property theft in the central mountain area. The suspect is described as the son of a Barcelona ex-nun and a German father. He is a former flutist and has worked occasionally as a farm laborer. In short, he is "A Highland-lootin', flutin' Teuton, son-of-a-nun from Barcelana, part-time plowboy Joe."

Mo thanks the Clan Leslie Society for his column this month.

Mo just reports what happens. More next time.

Love, Your favorite ham,
Mo Hawg

**Ooops...the 1930 census...**

Word has it that we may encounter some problems reading the 1930 census when it comes out some time after 2002. Apparently, according to an excerpted article in the St. Louis GS *News n' Notes*, December 1997, the WPA was indexing this census but was stopped due to the start of World War II. Only 10 states were indexed, all from the South, and there are no known projects to continue indexing that census or the 1940 and 1950 censuses either.

Anybody wanna volunteer?

**I need the number of....**

Did you know the German telephone book is online? The white and yellow pages, written in German but with an English button to translate, is available on the Internet. See <http://02.teleauskunft.de/cgi-bin/tron.cgi>

## Here's help if you are researching German ancestors

**German Emigrants Register might help**

There may be information you need for your German ancestors in an index which includes deserters from the armies of Prussia, Wurtemberg and Saxony, 1871-1918; or persons who were sought as missing heirs and may have left long before; and persons who were absent from their hometowns who were searched for by the authorities.

This index covers the entire former German Empire, i.e. Prussia, Alsace-Lorraine, Bavaria, Saxony, Wurtemberg, Baden, Oldenburg, Hesse and the other minor German states.

To find out whether the German place or origin of your emigrant ancestor is on file, send his/her full name, birth date, occupation, denomination, year of emigration and the same data for all known family members.

If you have an idea of the said state please indicate that on your request. Send your inquiry to: Germanic Emigrants Register, PO Box 1720, D-2840 (W) Diepholz, Germany.

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## Orlandoan elected Council Member for the National Trust for Scotland

Tina Gordon Leslie has been elected to the Council of The National Trust for Scotland (NTS). Tina was elected by the NTS membership at the Annual General Meeting held in Edinburgh on 25 April and will serve for 5 years in this voluntary position.

She said, "My interest in the American Scottish Highland Games will be of value to the Council as they bring the NTS to more prominent attention the US. I want to help in the campaign to inform more Americans about their Scottish heritage, to spark their interest in becoming members of the NTS and to support the many NTS projects dedicated to preserving that heritage."

The NTS is the largest voluntary conservation, preservation and restoration organization in Scotland. It is an independent charity established in 1931 to act as guardian of the nation's magnificent heritage of architectural, scenic and historic treasures and to promote public enjoyment of them. In its care are 120 properties covering 185,000 acres and representing much of the best of Scotland's heritage including castles and mansions, gardens, historic sites, islands, countryside, waterfalls, coastline and "little Houses" - examples of Scotland's distinctive architecture. Each year, The Trust welcomes 2 million visitors to its properties and as many again to its countryside and open areas. It depends for its support on donations, legacies and memberships from its 228,000 members.

The Council meets four times a year in various parts of Scotland. This summer's meeting is in Torridon, a remote and beautiful property on the West Coast followed by an autumn meeting in Stirling, home of Bannockburn, made famous by William Wallace (and latterly by Mel Gibson!).

As a new member of Council, Tina will be briefed on her duties and responsibilities in an upcoming meeting at the NTS headquarters in Edinburgh. She has been actively involved with the NTS since moving to Scotland in 1993 and is currently the Secretary of the East Fife Members' Centre. She volunteers regularly as a Public Relations Assistant in the Central, Tayside and Fife Regional Office in Perth, and was the Regional Public Relations Officer (manager) in the summer of 1997. Her many projects include the launch of the Angus Fair at the House of Dun; the official opening of Alloa Tower by Her Majesty, the Queen hosting the wives of the Commonwealth Heads of Government at Culross Palace and assisting the Regional Offices with anniversary celebrations at local NTS properties.

Tina is a native of Orlando, graduating from Edgewater High School in 1969 and UCF (1978). She is married to The Honourable Alexander Leslie and they live in Fife, Scotland.

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The AFS Interkulturelle Programme Schweiz is the sponsor of an exchange program called "Fifth Switzerland" which will make it possible for eligible students and young adults to spend time in the country sometime from July 1998 to January 1999.

After arriving in Switzerland, participants will meet at an introductory weekend event, during which the organizers will explain what the cultural exchange really involves and discuss what it will be like to be a guest with ahost family for the duration of the stay in Switzerland.

Basically, the idea is that young people spend about five weeks in Switzerland, either in summer or winter. Then, a partner from Switzerland can come to the United States as a family guest in summer or winter. Having an interest and knowledge of Switzerland, both culturally and socially and familiarity with the language are most helpful.

The last date to apply for the winter sessions are 15 October 1998. Contact the USA Coordinator, Mrs. Betty Pircher, 74 Crestline Dr., Apt. 12, San Francisco, CA 94131. Email: <Bettypi@aol.com>

### Martha Wynne attends Society of Arts & Letters' Banquet

Martha Wynne, Chapter President of the National Society of Arts & Letters, recently attended the Career Awards Banquet of that group at Samford University. Mrs. Wynne had two students from the Homewood School of Ballet win awards.

Mrs. Wynne was elected President of the group for 1998-2000 during the evening. Martha Wynne is active in the Scottish Community.

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# Queen Victoria and Mr. John Brown, Highlander

*The Bay State Thistle,* publication of the Massachusetts St. Andrew's Society, **Bonnie MacLeod,** Editor
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The recent film, *Mrs. Brown,* tells the story of an extraordinary friendship between Queen Victoria and John Brown, "her devoted Highland servant." The film features performances by Judi Dench as Queen Victoria and Billy Connolly as John Brown and Antony Sher as Disraeli.

Who was the historical John Brown? How did this remarkable friendship evolve?

When Queen Victoria's beloved Albert died of typhoid, she surrendered to a grief so terrifyingly intense that members of her household began to fear she had inherited the madness of her grandfather, King George.

In 1864, after three years of unrelenting gloom, Victoria's physician summoned John Brown to Windsor. John had been a favorite attendant of Prince Albert in Scotland and was associated in Victoria's mind with her happy holidays in the Highlands. At Balmoral, the trappings of royalty had always been kept at a minimum. The Queen, like any other laird's wife, rode, sketched and talked familiarly with the crofters and their wives. She attended the parish church and dropped her money in the collection box like any other parishioner. John's arrival at Windsor was to profoundly effect Victoria's emotional life.

Most of the liberties committed by the brilliant Billy Connolly in the film are absolutely accurate, perhaps even understated. Personal Highland servants had never believed that loyalty included servility and John was no exception. He was a rough, shrewd Scot who never hesitated to speak his mind in a blunt, straighforward manner that ignored both rank and status. He habitually addressed the Queen as "wumman," as when helping secure her bonnet, "Hoots, wumman, canna ye no held yerr head up?"

Victoria's English subjects, and even her family, were shocked by John's behavior, but to Victoria, his brusque manner and devotion to her safety and comfort brought her reassurance and a sense of being cherished. She wrote in her diary, "I feel I have here and always in the house a good and devoted soul...whose only object and interest is my service, and God knows how I want so much to be taken care of."

With John, Victoria could be natural and perhaps more important, she did not have to share John with her children or the nation.

At first, he was merely the Queen's Highland servant, but from the beginning, he took orders only from her, arriving every morning at her private chambers, where he usually entered without knocking. He accompanied her on all occasions, sitting on the box of her carriage. Soon, the members of the royal household found themselves forced to communicate with the Queen through Brown. Both they and the Queen's children resented the way in which he had assumed the position of close friend and valued confidant.

Victoria's continued seclusion from public life combined with her intimate friendship with John Brown gave rise to malicious gossip, resulting in the scurrilous and derisive pamphlet, *Mrs. Brown.* But, Victoria was always wholehearted and when she gave her affection and trust, she did so without reservation. She refused to hear the slightest criticism of its recipient. So, it was with John.

Suggestions that her servant could be "less conspicuous" were ignored or imperiously rejected. Eventually, Victoria, due largely to John's devotion, returned to public life and the responsibilities of the monarchy and John was forgotten by the public.

But Queen Victoria and John Brown remained friends to the end of his life. When he died in 1883 of a blood infection, Victoria was utterly crushed by the loss of "the truest heart that ever beat" and "my dearest best friend whom no one in this world can ever replace." The wreath she placed on his coffin was "a tribute of loving, grateful and everlasting friendship and affection from his truest, best and most faithful friend Victoria R & I."

As she had done in Albert's memory when he died, she ordered Brown's room in the Clarence Tower at Windsor to be kept exactly as it had been in his lifetime. Further, she ordered that a single rose be placed on his pillow every morning, a practice continued until her own death.

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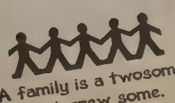

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# THE RAILROAD IN GENEALOGY

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The railroad is a major part of the history of the United States. It has played a major role in making the United States what it is today.

The history of this country is interwined with the development of transportation. The rivers served as a major method of transportation during the colonial period.

Man has always been interested in better ways to move to and fro. The colonist were looking into other areas of the vast lands into which they had arrived. So, by the early nineteenth century the era of canals was booming.

The canals were built to connect the rivers. These were constructed with mostly state borrowed monies. After the crash of 1837 the states decided to leave the beginning railroads to the desires of private enterprise and public capital.

The Baltimore & Ohio opened its first 13 miles by 1830. Then three years later the Charleston-Hamburg in South Carolina became the longest railroad in the world with 136 miles opened. Construction was started on what was to become the New York Central in 1830.

As railroads began to open states got into the building of them. Then land deals began to be made for the construction of the roads.

The federal, state, county, and towns were involved in the development and growth of the railroads in America. It is an interesting history, because many families can trace their heritage to the railroad industry. Therefore, the records of the railroads are important to many family histories.

The first place to look is for the state histories of railroads. These give you a feel for the development of railroads in the various states where your family lived. For example, a book entitled *Ghost Trains & Depots of Georgia (1833-1933)* by Les R. Winn follows the development of the railroads in Georgia. Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet-Railroads, <http://www.CyndisList.com/railroad.htm>, is an excellent place to start searching for railroad information. General Resource Sites in her information leads you not only to United States railroads, but also to Canadian as well as European rails. There is also a section on Libraries, Archives, and Museums pertaining to railroad history. This includes such places as University of Tennessee Library, Knoxville; The B&O Railroad Museum; and the Wyoming State Archives for the records of the Union Pacific Railroad. Railroad historical societies and groups which have homepages are listed here.

In other words, if you are looking for railroad information you need to search out this source on the Internet. Another excellent source to look is to go to *Prologue: Quarterly of the National Archives.* It has an article about railroad materials at the National Archives. This can be found on the Internet at <http://www,nara.gov/publications/prologue/railrd1.html>. Not only is there is a discussion on Interstate Commerce Records pertaining to the railroads, but also to accident reports. The annual reports of the companies, patent applications files, records from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and other railroad records are included along with an excellent Notes section. This was written by David A. Pfeiffer

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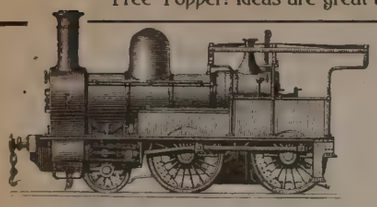

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Go to a search engine and just write in United States history and then you get a variety of addresses. There is American history educational resources on the www located at <http://members.tripod.com/~catfan/hist.htm> This gives a variety of things, maps, and historical organizations which often have their journals on line. It has a reference section as well as textbooks and tutorials online. There are all kinds of possibilities found here.

In other words, with many of these addresses a considerable amount of time can be spent just browsing around to see what is available. George Mason University History Department has a Center for History and New Media. It has an Essays section which is interesting. The address is <http://chnm.gmu.edu/ >. There is a historical text archive at <http://www.msstate.edu:80/Archives/History/USA/usa.html> which gives a listing of the colonial period, revolution, and early republic. It gives links to several items which are important to the historian and genealogist.

There is another interesting link to <http://www.isleuth.com/gene.html>. This has a link to the Social Security Death Index, Civil War Soldiers and Sailors, Mayflower Database, National Archives of Ireland, Public Domain Land Sales in Illinois, Scots on the Net, Scots on the Net: Clan Finder, and a Roots Location List as well as a Roots Surname List.

People with a connection to Kansas should be interested in the Kansas Heritage's Interactive Genealogy at <http://raven.cc.ukans.edu/

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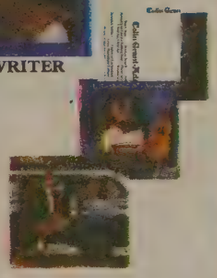

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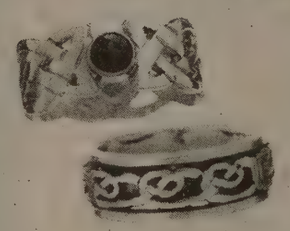

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In the last issue of *The Family Tree* we carried an interesting little paragraph gleaned from another publication about Mrs. Charles E. Loucks who had a large collection of data on American witches.

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In preparation for the Expo 2000 Worlds Fair in Hannover, the Niedersachsen State Archive began a project to create a database of Niedersachsen emigrants from records in their holdings.

A cut in government funding has now ended this valuable project. Horst Reschke, well-known lecturer, returned from Germany where he discussed the project with Archive personnel. He is inviting American genealogists to donate funds to make possible the completion of this project by the year 2000.

In response a special account has been established as the "Hannover Project." Make your check payable too Hannover Project - FEEFHS, and mail it to: FEEFHS Treasurer, PO Box 4430, West Hills, CA 91308-4430. You may monitor progress of this fund and the project at <http://feefhs.org/de/han/hef/hfp-hp.html>


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With thanks to *Inscriptions*, the newsletter of the Wisconsin State Old Cemetery Society. Write them: Box 141, 4370 Windsor Rd., Windsor, WI 53598.

### Confederates in Brazil

Some 100,000 descendants of former Confederates reside in Americana, Brazil and are active members of The Fraternity of American Descendants, founded in 1954 to preserve the histories of their ancestors. Some 400 Confederates are buried in the cemetery there.

Among those interred are Col. William Hutchinson Norris, born in Oglethorpe Co., GA in 1800 and W.S. Wise, great uncle of Rosalyn Smith Carter, wife of former President Jimmy Carter.

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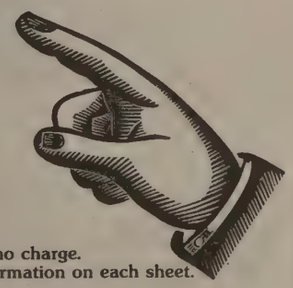

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Refunds of Conference Registration fees are being mailed to each member. It is recommended that members who plan to come on to Salt Lake City for research at the LDS Library, call the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel and reconfirm their room reservations. Members who plan to cancel their room reservations at the Plaza should also advise the hotel at 1-800-366-3684.

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Mrs. Nell says that, "Each of us is responsible for our own genealogy insurance."

### Leap year?

With the year 2000 approaching, the subject of leap years take on special interest.

The rule for leap year is that every four years an extra day be added in February — except for this special case: every year that marks a century is not a leap year unless it is divisible by 400. Therefore, 2000 will be a leap year, but we will have to wait until the year 2400 before another century marker years adds a 29th day to February.

Looking backwards, we find that the century marker years of 1900 and 1800, although they are divisible by 4, are not evenly divisible by 400; therefore, the extra day in February was not added in those years.

### Caledonian Club elects new officers/directors

Recently, at the Annual General Meeting, the New York Caledonian Club elected officers and directors for 1998-1999. The new Board of Directors is: Chief - Donald Ross; Chieftain - Cowan Swanston; Secretary - John MacDonald; Treasurer - Ruth McWhinney; Directors - Ray Anderson, Henry Brown, George Campbell, Jim Denny, Harlan Whatley and Irene Zvonic.

On Saturday, June 27th, the New York Caledonian Club will tentatively sponsor a concert in Central Park, in front of the Robert Burns statue (erected by the club) by the Fochabers Fiddlers - a group of young musicians aged 12- 17 who come from the Fochabers area and are pupils of Milne's High School. The fiddle group was formed in 1980.

**Fochaber Fiddlers to appear on *The Today Show!***

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**Railroad tracks**, *continued from page 14 A*

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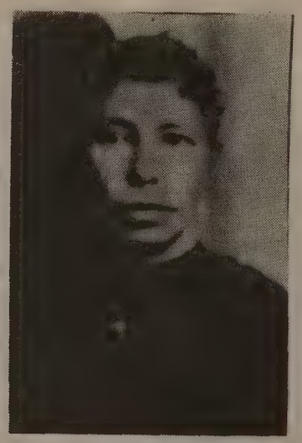

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Sarah O. Dunaway of Atlanta, Georgia has made a gift of *Confederate Reminiscences and Letters 1861-1865.*

Marie Hammond of Sylvester, Georgia has donated *Abstract of the Worth County Pension Book.*

Marilyn L. Ross of Arlington, Virginia has made a gift subscription possible for The Odom Library of *The Smithsonian Magazine.*

The Edward and Mary Smythe Genealogical Archives has a new addition, *The Shepard Families of New England, Vol. III,* donated by Jeffrey Smythe of Farmington, New Hampshire.

La Rue Edwards of Thomasville, Georgia has donated *In Search of Confederate Ancestors: The Guide.*

James William Forrester has made a gift of *The Heraldic Register of America, Volume VIII.*

Emma Barrett Reeves of Nacogdoches, Texas has gifted The Odom Library with *Three Centuries of Ballingers in America.*

Clan Farquharson has added *The Records of Invercauld* to their collection in Moultrie.

Linda Bivins of Moultrie has donated *A Comprehensive History of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aiken, South Carolina 1907-1997.*

If you have books and materials that you would like to donate to The Odom Library, simply send them to The Odom Library, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828 or to The Odom Library, 204 5th St., SE, Moultrie, GA 31768.

Remember, we are beginning The Sandy Hume Memorial Computer Center, honoring the late son of Mr. Britt Hume. We hope that memorials and honorariums in the form of CD-Rom's will make this a useful part of our library.

**We thank each and every person who has contributed books and materials.**

Now, we invite everyone to come to Moultrie and use all of these wonderful things!

## You're invited to McPherson, Kansas for a great games

Kansas' Only Two-Day Scottish Festival Features Old-World Pageantry and Competition

The fifth McPherson Scottish Festival and Highland Games will be September 26 and 27, 1998 at Lakeside Park in McPherson, Kansas and will = feature Scottish folksinger Ed Miller, originally of Edinburgh, Scotland, now living in Austin, TX. Festival grounds are open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

McPherson (population 13,000) is in central Kansas on Interstate 135 = between Wichita and Salina. The town is named for James Birdseye McPherson, Civil War General. An admission fee is charged for the festival, with discount for early purchase. Children age 5 and under admitted free. Festival brochures are available from the McPherson Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1-800-324-8022.

## Friends of Loch Lomond plans "Coming of Age" conference

The Friends of Loch Lomond group is planning a "Coming of Age" Conference in 1999 to mark the setting up of the Friends in 1978.

The conference will be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting and a provisional date of Tuesday, 18th May 1999 has been booked.

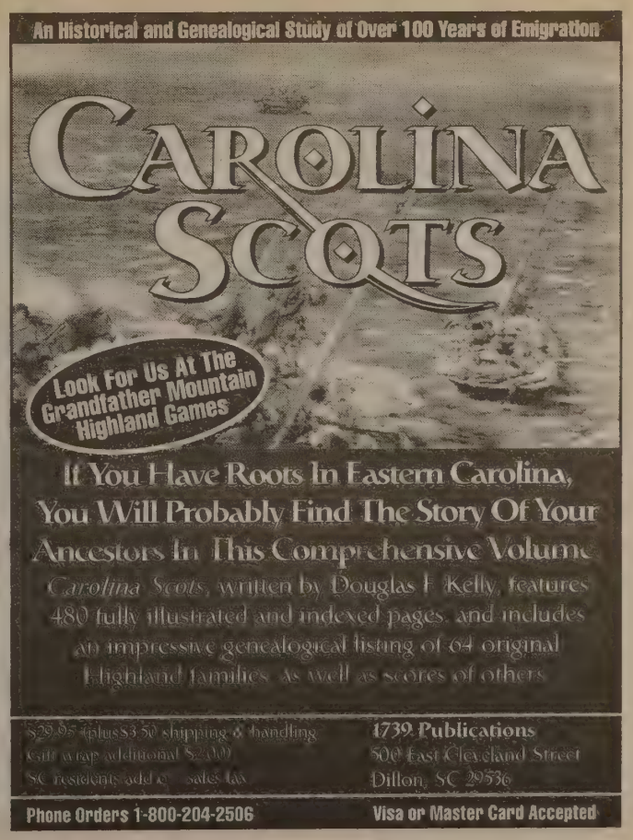
For more information on the conference and The Friends of Loch Lomond, write FOLL, 10a Cairndhu Gardens, Helensburgh, Scotland G84 8PG.

## Want to help establish a Scottish House in NSW, Australia

There is a move to create a Scottish House in New South Wales, Australia, as a focus for all Scots in the country. This would be a facility where Scottish culture and traditions can be practiced. With the lack of any centre, records of early Scottish organizations and activities are being lost. Fund-raising for the project is underway and a "Buy a brick" campaign encourages supporters to buy "bricks" in the Scottish House for $2 each.

On receipt of a check or money order, the relevant number of "bricks" will be forwarded and the "buyers" will be recorded in the "Brick Register."

More information or contributions: Scottish House, PO Box 498, Granville, NSW 2142.



**Newsletter Contest Winners**, *continued from page 1 A*

*International News Magazine*, Ann Montgomery, editor. First place winners will receive a trophy and a certificate.

Second Place in the Scottish Clan Category has been won this year by *The Galley*, a publication of the Clan Macneil Association of America with Nellie McNeill-Sanders, editor and Vicki Sanders Corporon, Co-editor.

Third Place in the Scottish Clan Category has been awarded to *The Clan Guthrie News*, Peggy Guthrie Wink, editor.

Fourth Place in the Scottish Clan Category has been awarded to *The Journal of the Clan Campbell Society (North America)*, Diarmid A. Campbell, editor.

Fifth Place in the Scottish Clan Category has been won by *Clan Cameron, Northern Lights Branch*, Jack Barker, editor.

Special Awards for Outstanding Excellence in Journalism have been earned by: *Dubh Ghlase* (Clan Douglas), Shirley G. Douglas, editor; *Robertson's Rant* (Clan Donnachaidh-MidAtlantic Branch), Jim Fargo, editor; *The Beeline* - Clan Fergusson Society of North America, Rosemary S. Ferguson, editor; *Clach na Faire* (Clan Shaw), Frank R. Shaw, editor; *Blair Bruidhinn* (Clan Blair), editor, Jean Hilty; *The Buchanan Banner*, Terry K. Buchanan, editor; *The Clan Lindsay Recorder*, Sara Owens/Marty Thurmond, editors; *Think On - The Newsletter of the Clan MacLellan*, Dr. Aubrey L. McClellan, editor; *The Review of the Clan Hamilton Society*, Rita E. Hamilton, editor; and *Yours Aye, the Newsletter of the Clan Sinclair Association, Inc.*, Gloria Lee Bouschor, editor.

Special Awards for Exceptional Excellence have been bestowed by our judges on *Porst a' Beul, the Newsletter of the Southwestern Region of Clan Donald USA*, Madge MacDonald Wright/David Lovering, co-editors; *The Clan MacArthur Society - A Branch of Clan Arthur*, Robert C. McArthur, editor; *The Lion and Thistle* (Clan Dunbar), John Tom Lawhon, editor; *The Donnachaidh Dispatch*, Jim Duncan, editor; *Our Family (Clan MacEachain)*, Minniebell Perkins, editor; *The Signal, Clan Donald Pacific Northwest*, Tanna MacReynold, editor; and *The Tartan, (The Clan MacDougall Society of North America)* editors Wylie and Mary McDougall.

Honourable Mentions in Service to Readers have been awarded to: *A Clanna Cuinn, Clan Donald New England Region*, Dave MacDonald and Terry MacDonald, editors; *An Canach*, The Clan Henderson Society in the United States and Canada, Russ Henderson, editor; *NorCal News* (Clan Farquharson, USA of Northern California, Don Burns, editor; *mac dhubhaich, The Newsletter of The Clan MacDuff Society of America*, Kim Burke, editor; *Dunollie West, News of The Clan MacDougall Society in the Pacific Crescent Region*, Don Northcutt, editor; *The Home Works, The Clan Home/Hume Society*, Cheryl Abson, editor; and *The Hunter's Horn*, Clan Hunter, Thomas M. Hunter, editor.

*The Montgomery Clan Society*, J. Esther Mongtomery, editor, has been awarded an Honourable Mention for Editorial Excellence.

### Ethnic Societies, other than Scottish

The Society of Hispanic Historical & Ancestral Research publication, *Somos Primos*, Mimi Lozano Holtzman, editor, has won first place in the category of Ethnic Societies other than Scottish.

*Pointers -Pursuing Our Italian Names Together*, Dr. Thomas E. Militello, editor has won Second Prize in this category.

*The Cornish Immigrant, Newsletter of The Cornish Society of Greater Milwaukee*, Richard W. Baker, editor, has won Third Prize.

*SGGM Tidningen, Newsletter of the Swedish Genealogy Group of Minnesota*, Ron Swanson, editor, has been awarded Fourth Prize in this category.

Fifth Prize has been won by the Connecticut Irish American Historical Society's publication, *The Shanachie*, Ned Hogan, editor.

### Miscellaneous Societies

*The Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society Magazine*, A.I. B. Stewart, editor, has won First Prize in the Miscellaneous Societies category. *The Brevet Private (Illinois Dept., Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*, Larry Seits, editor, has won Second Prize in this catetory.

### Historical Societies

*The Polk County Historical & Genealogical Society*, Marian Bailey Presswood, editor, has won First Prize in the Historical Society category.

*The Corley Chronicle*, Claudette Holliday, editor, has been awarded Second Prize in the Historical Society category.

*The Jackson County Historical Society News*, Tina Harris, editor, has won Third Prize in this category.

### Genealogical Societies

*The Black Genealogy Search Group*, Valerea H. Tanaka, editor, has won First Prize in the Genealogical Society Category.

*The Taylor County Tracer*, John R. Adams, Jr., editor, has won Second Prize.

*Cherish, The Quarterly Journal of the St. Clair Historical Society*, Joe Whitten, editor, has won Third Prize.

Third Prize in this category has been won by *Campbell Co., History News* - publication of the Campbell County Historical and Genealogical Society, Ken Reis, editor.

*The Mission Oaks Genealogy Club Newsletter*, Elizabeth Kohler, editor has won Fourth Prize.

*The Sands of Time, Genealogy Across the Sands of Time*, Richard Sullins, Ruth Sistler, Jack Sistler, editors, has won Fifth Prize.

Special Awards for Service to Readers have been awarded to: *Piedmont Lineages*, Richard Anderson, editor; *The North Carolina Genealogical Journal*, Lt. Col. Vic Clark, (USAF ret.), editor; *The Madison County, Florida, Genealogical News*, Elmer C. Spear, editor; and *The Rio Grande Researcher*, Pat Baldwin, editor.

Special Awards for Editorial Excellence have been awarded to *The Tarheel*, Len Ferguson, editor and *The Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society*, Jim Wroton, editor.

### Scottish Groups, other than Clans

*Fuigheal*, The St. Andrews Society of Modesto, California, Ted Reeves, editor, has won First Place.

*Voice of the Highlands*, Alan Maglaughlin, editor, has won Second Place.

*Argyll Colony Plus*, Lt. Col. Vic Clark (USAF ret.), editor, Third Place.

*The Claymore and the Targe, The Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans*, Alice Henry, FSA Scot, editor, Fourth Place.

*Bit of Thistle (Scottish-American Society of Central Florida)*, Ben Scott, editor, Fifth Place.

Special Awards of Exceptional Quality in Journalism have been awarded to *The Thistle Epistle, The St. Andrew Scottish Society of New Mexico*, Kathy Lare Watson, editor and *The Dumphries & Galloway Family History Society Newsletter*, Mrs. Moira Aitken, editor.

Special Awards for Service to Readers have been awarded to *Heather & Thistle, Mendo Lake Scottish Cultural Society*, Sandi MacDougall, editor and *The Kilt and Harp, Newsletter of the Scottish Harp Society of America*, Susan Wilzer, editor.

### Surname Societies

*The Maxwell Monitor*, Jenet Maxwell-Tilp, editor, has won First Prize in the Surname Society Category.

*The Owsley Family Historical Society Newsletter*, Ronny O. Bodine, editor, has won Second Prize.

*The Steele Quarterly News*, Tammy Steele Dyer, editor, has won Third Prize.

*Now and Then*, Jerry McWilliams, editor, has won Fourth Prize.

*Newsletter of the Haskell Family Society*, W.A. Haskell, editor, has won Fifth Prize.

Special Awards of Exceptional Quality in Journalism have been awarded to the *Vance Family Association*, Bruce Vance, editor; *The Legacy*, Curtis B. Loudrouche, editor; *Hickey Heritage*, Diane Heap, editor; *The McElvy Newsletter*, Fay Stowe, editor; *The Dyer-Souther Heritage Association, Inc.*, Ethelene Dyer Jones, Historian; and *The McCrea Network Newsletter*, John T. McCrea, editor.

Special Awards in Editorial Excellence have been awarded to *A Nicolls Worth of News*, Judy Lindley, editor; *The Coleman Family Newsletter*, James Coleman, editor; *The Bunnell/Bonnell Newsletter*, Carole G. Bonnell, editor; *Carolina Trees and Branches*, Teresa Ferguson, editor; and *The Stockwell Family Association Newsletter*, Etwalla Ann Stockwell Thompson, editor.

Honourable Mentions have been awarded to *In Touch*, Virginia Gust Byers, editor and *The MacBrair Family Association, Inc.*, Robert L. McBrayer, editor.

All first place winners will receive trophys which will be mailed as soon as they are engraved. All other winners, Special Award winners, Honourable Mention winners will receive certificates. Judging sheets and comment sheets will be returned to the entrants with their certificates. Others will receive their judging sheets and comment sheets.

This contest has been the most successful ever. Your participation makes the participation of The Odom Library in Scottish Highland Games and other away events possible.

If you noticed that Clan Donald USA was not mentioned in the above article, please understand that *By Sea By Land* was not entered in the contest since it shares the same editor as *The Family Tree*.

# Suas Alba! Kith & Kin...News from Scots Clans

### You're invited to North Carolina

The North Carolina Genealogical Society invites you to join them for a two-day workshop entitled "Starting at a Post Oak: Tracing Families Through Land, Estates and Private Papers."

The workshop will begin on Friday at 9 AM, 13 November 1998 and end on Saturday at 4 PM, 14 November 1998.

Lectures will include Overview of Land Records, Tracing Land: A Success Story, Colonial Land Records, Land Records NOT Found in Deed Books, Women's Rights in Land, Land Records in Family Papers, Land Systems and an Ask the Experts session.

Featured speakers are: Helen F.M. Leary, Edward Morris, Margaret Hofmann, Elizabeth E. Ross, Debbi Blake and others.

The lectures will be held at the McKimmon Center, Raleigh, NC.

Register by sending your check for $50 for NCGS members or $55 for nonmembers of NCGS to North Carolina Genealogical Society, PO Box 1492, Raleigh, NC 27602.

Deduct $5 for registrations postmarked prior to October 25th. After October 25th, fees are $60 and $65 respectively.

Lunch is included with registration. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available at the full rate. For further information, please write the above address or email at <ncgs@earthlink.net>

### AFRA presents conference

The American Family Records Association presents their 18th annual Genealogy Conference "Want Land, Will Travel: US Migration Patterns and Land Records" on July 17-18, 1998 at the John Knox Village Pavilion, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

The conference will feature Arlene H. Eakle, Ph.D., Birdie Monk Holsclaw, Linda Brinkerhoff, Pat Gooldy and Beverly Whitaker.

Write for a registration brochure: AFRA Conference, PO Box 15505, Kansas City, MO 64106.

### Charlotte County Genealogical Society presents Leland K. Meitzler

The Charlotte County Genealogical Society will present Leland K. Meitzler, Genealogy Lecturer in a Heritage Quest Road Show on Saturday, October 31, 1998 from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

The event will be held at the Port Charlotte Elks Club, 2325 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Mr. Meitzler is editor of *Heritage Quest Magazine.*

Fees for the road show are $33 per person prepaid by October 1. Each additional family member pays only $20. This fee covers the cost of the seminar, a year's subscription to *Heritage Quest,* and lunch. The fee per person at the door is $35. Seating is limited to 300 persons. Door prizes will be awarded and unique research materials will be available, including books and computer programs, during the breaks.

### The average length of life...

As far as can be calculated, the average length of life, which is computed in the 17th century to have only been 13 years (Remember *Romeo & Juliet?),* was in the 18th century increased to 20 and in the 19th century to 36. Men used to be considered old when they passed 50!

Thanks to the *Bureau County Genealogical Society Newsletter.*

### ARK-LA-TX Genealogical Association presents Dr. George K. Schweitzer

The ARK-LA-TX Genealogical Association, Inc., presents Dr. George K. Schweitzer on August 8, 1998 at the Sheraton Shreveport Hotel, 1419 East 70 Street, Shreveport, LA 71105.

Registration (by June 30) is $30 with lunch. Mail your personal check or money order to ALTGA, PO Box 4462, Shreveport, LA 71134-0462.

The fee is $20 without lunch. After July 1, fees are $35 and $25. Be sure and include your name, address, phone and four surnames you are researching.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# What's your name in Scots Gaelic? Find out at Grandfather Mountain in July

If you'd like to learn how your ancestor's names (both forename and surname) were spelled in Scotland's (and Ireland's) old classical language of Gaelic, then here's a suggestion: Come along to Donald MacDonald's Gaidhlig Ceilidh Tent at Grandfather Mountain on July 11-12.

Donald, from Edinburgh, will be in charge, along with his nephew, Dr. James Roderick (Seumas Ruairidh - pronounced SHAME-us RORY) MacDonald. And, they'll give you the proper Gaelic spellings.

You'll be invited to sing some of Scotland's best-loved Gaelic songs. Perhaps you'll already know some of the melodies. For example, the tune of an old Gaelic Christmas carol from the Isle of Mull was "appropriated" in 1971 by the Greek pop star "Cat" Stevens, who turned it into a popular song that became well known throughout the world as *Morning Has Broken.* The original song was composed by Mairi nic Dhommhnuill (Mary the daughter of Donald), or, in English, Mary MacDonald, of Bunessan, Mull. Mairi called her song *The Child of Perfection* or *The Child of the Virgin,* i.e., the Christ-Child.

Donald and his nephew will give out song-sheets with the Gaelic words printed in easy-to-read phonics for about 40 beautiful songs - such as *Eriskay Love Lilt* (original name: *Gradh geal mo chridhe* or *The Fair Desire of My Heart*) and *The Mist-Covered Mountains of Home*, featured in the movie, *Local Hero.* (Original name *Chi mi na mor bheanna* meaning *I Shall See the Big Mountains.*)

You will even be able to sing some rhythmical mouth-music - something few people in Scotland ever get a chance to do. It's hoped that Jane McPhaul will accompany on keyboard with Tom MacInnes Raisbeck will be with us on bodhran and trump.

It's fun...and at the same time, you'll be taught a few basic Gaelic sayings and Gaelic toasts. Best known of all is Slainte mhath, which is pronounced SLON-chuh VAH (with the "ch" as in "church.") and means "Good health (to you)." The first syllable is very like the first syllable in the English word "LONG -i-tude," but with an "S" in front of it.

Incidentally, this year there will be a Gaelic banner hanging over the main entrance at MacRae Meadows. It reads: "Failte gu Beinn Seanair" and means "Welcome to Grandfather Mountain."

Donald is often asked, "Which is correct, GAY-lic or GAA-lic?" The answer is both. The word Gaelic is an English rending of Gaidhlig, which means the Gaelic language. People in England, Ireland, the US and Nova Scotia, usually say GAY-lic; but Highland Scots, those people who still speak their ancient language, pronounce the word in its original form, in the original language, which is GAA-lic. The first syllable should be elongated.

Confused? Don't be. Come along to MacRae Meadows on July 9-12 and be assured "Se ur Beatha, which means "You're welcome!"

In addition, there will be another North Carolina Provincial Mod, a competition for prizes among Gaelic soloists. So, if you'd like to compete, contact Dr. J.R. MacDonald at PO Box 46, Wythesville, VA 24382. His email address is <Celtic@naxs.com>

Donald MacDonald's Gaidhlig Ceilidh tent will be situated just across from the Cairn o' the Clans. This, says Donald, introduces us to another bit of Gaelic: Cairn is from carn, Gaelic for a heap of stones; and clann means children, meaning the children of a tribe such as Clann Domhnull, The Children of Donald.

You can contact Donald at 4 Braid Hills Road, Edinburgh EH10 6EZ, Scotland, UK.

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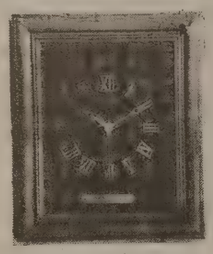

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### New publication for Northeastern Bohemia

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In just the past two years they have compiled a database which identifies 49,000 persons of Bohemian ancestry.

Contact Kathryn Dankowski at 727 Appleberry Dr., San Rafael, CA 94903-1205. <IBKayD@aol.com>

### Oooo! A wonderful opportunity for Polish insurance records!

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### Selected Italian Web Sites

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www.cilea.it/ari/curioso/menu.htm

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Italian Cookbooks
www.wholesaleproducts.com/cookbook~italian.htm

Italian Wines
www.wine.it

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Italian Language Lessons
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Italian Genealogy Homepage
www.italgen.com/main.htm

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www.vol.it/raitgs/mcalcio/doc/external.htm

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## Mineral Point, Wisconsin site of historical Cornish seminar in Sept.

The Cornish Society of Greater Milwajkee and the Southwest Wisconsin Cornish Society will be co-hosting one of the most comprehensive Cornish genealogy events ever held on North American soil. Cornish genealogists from all over North America are expected to attend this seminar which will be held September 25, 1998 in Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

One of the six Celtic nations, Cornwall is located on the far southwestern tip of the island of Great Britain. Today, Cornwall is a part of the United Kingdom and is governed by England. Long noted for their expertise in underground mining, Cornish miners came to southwest Wisconsin and northwestern Illinois to work in the lead mines beginning in the 1830s. Thousands of their countrymen and women followed throughout the 19th century, immigrating to the many newly opened mines all over North America.

This seminar will offer help to Cornish descendants and others searching for records and information about the Cornish who immigrated to North America and their ancestors back in Cornwall.

The seminar is being held in conjunction with the 5th annual Midwest Cornish Festival.

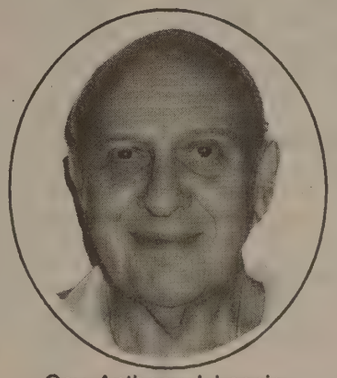
For more information and a brochure (when available) please send a SASE (long business envelope) to Mrs. Fran Rusch, Cornish Genealogy, 10830 W. Cortland Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53225.

# *La Genealogia Italiana - Italian Pedigree*

**By Cav. Anthony J. Lascio**

The three keys of genealogy have unique features when applied to Italian genealogy. Let's explore them one by one.

The correct surname: Several factors influenced the surnames of our emigrating ancestors. Although they arrived at the various US ports knowing full well how their name was pronounced, illiteracy of most prohibited them from recognizing their name in written form. Hence, the port official often wrote what he heard, not what was accurate. This was compounded by the absence of "papers" accompanying the Italian immigrant. Many crossed the Atlantic without any documents.



Cav. Anthony J. Lascio

Once in America, discrimination posed another problem. The alien frequently found himself at the bottom of the hiring list mainly because his name ended in a vowel. The solution was to drop the vowel ending or change the name altogether. Both of these solutions occurred often.

When today's descendant genealogists conducts research, they sometimes are baffled at the confusing trail to follow. Trying to connect an ancestor back to their ancestral Italian town can be a mind-boggling exercise. Remember a very vital fact. Italian married women travelled to America under their maiden surnames, not their married names. Children emigrated under their father's names.

My best advice is to gather as many documents as possible - primarily the naturalization documents, US census and the passenger arrival manifest. Eventually, the altered, changed or misspelled Italian surname should surface, clarifying the confusion.

The second key: Italian birthplace of the ancestors can present a special challenge for the Italian genealogist. Unique to Italy, there are many towns and villages with the same or similar names. Many are remotely distant from each other - and, in some cases, hundreds of miles apart. What a challenge this represents! Other towns have had their names changed (Mussolini was noted for this prior to World War II). Still other places have been destroyed, literally, by earthquakes and even volcanos.

It is critical when pursuing the birthplace of an ancestor to know the country (provincia) and the state (regione) where the town is located. Without this information, the genealogist can spend countless time tracking the wrong individual. There are many sources to identify the province and region of a particular town. The LDS (Mormon) database gazetteer can be very helpful as well as Italian phone directories. Don't depend upon relatives solely for accurate geographic data.

The final key: birthplace. This is often the least troublesome. Although Italians, like many other European immigrants often changed their ages (women became younger, men became older), this was done not in Italy, but enroute to America, or most frequently, in America itself. A few years, one way or the other, should not make a significant difference to the genealogist who is conducting the research. Most archivists will usually search one, two or three years before and after the assumed birthdate, if it is not found in the year requested.

Now that I've highlighted the three genealogical keys, from an Italian perspective, keep them forefront in your memory bank and you're sure to have a more successful pursuit of your Italian roots.

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Most people went to their wedding on foot (priodas droed). In some cases, the bride might even be ritually "stolen" by the bridegroom's friends, meaning the bridegroom and friends of the bride had to make a long quest searching for the "lost bride." This might last for hours, delaying the ceremony. It all added to the fun of the occasion.

With thanks to *Y Drych*. For subscription information, contact Box 8089, St. Paul, MN 55108.

### It's Rebecca and Daniel!

The most popular girls' name in England and Wales in the 1990s is Rebecca for the girls and Daniel for the boys.

With thanks to *The Cornish Immigrant, Newsletter of The Cornish Society of Greater Milwaukee*. If you'd like membership information about membership contact 15200 Coventry Court, Reedsburg, WII 53959.

## A letter from our friend, Peter MacDonald in Scotland...

After many years, Peter and Susan MacDonald of the MacDonald Hotel at Kinlochleven in Scotland, have sold the hotel. Peter wrote and asked us to pass on his news. He says, "Perhaps you could mention that we have sold, and thank all our friends who have visited the hotel over the last seven years. We have met and made good friends with many MacDonald's over the years, not to mention the Hendersons, etc., etc."

*Peter and Susan will be missed. It was Peter who took me to The Henderson Stone and who did not laugh when tears streamed down my face at the hearing of the tale. It was Peter who took Marti Van Horne and me to The Burial Isle and all around the sacred ground of Glencoe...It has been Peter who, over the years, has sent along interesting clippings from Scotland for all of us...and Peter who shares an enduring interest in Rennes Le Chateau.*

*It was Susan who fed Marti and me...and who told us lovely stories about the Glencoe Region.*

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# The Scottish Heritage USA Report

Jacqueline Stewart, Managing Director

My thanks to all those people who noticed that Scottish Heritage USA did not have a column in the past couple of issues of *The Family Tree.* For a few months everything had to be put on hold while I edited *Piping Hot - The Scottish Heritage USA Cookbook* - all 314 pages of it!

Now, it's at the printer and I feel as free as a bird. Perhaps, not that free, because as soon as the book was out of here, so was I. First to the Loch Norman Games (it rained), then to Scottish Heritage USA's Spring Gathering in East Haddom, Connecticut (a good time had by all) and finally to the Savannah Games (hot with a light breeze — perfect, no bugs).

So, now the time has come to settle back into my routine and STOP eating! That probably is the downside of working on a cookbook — you eat a lot! But, the recipes sounded so good, I just had to try them. And good they are. We received recipes from our members the length and breadth of the United States. (Scottish Heritage USA's members certainly know they way around a kitehcn) and National Trust for Scotland property managers sent us their very best, too.) But our sources did not stop there. Award-winning Scottish chefs donated the best of their creations and food professionals on both sides of the Atlantic have contributed to this unique collection.

*Piping Hot* is more than just a collection of recipes. The chapters take you on a culinary excursion throughout an entire meal, from appetizers to dessert and then some! A special chapter on feasts from Scotland and the United States features recipes for a Burns' Supper, a shrimp boil and so much more.

But, that's not all. *Piping Hot* is also illustrated with some spectacular line drawings of National Trust for Scotland properties.

One of the dilemmas that anyone working on a cookbook faces is what to do with all those spaces that are too small for a recipe and too large to leave empty. We solved our own problem by filling them with the wit and wisdom of Scotland. Maybe not all Scotland' major authors and poets found their way into our book, but you will find many of your favorites — Sir Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson and Robert Burns — just to name a few. All of these authors writing about their love of Scotland and their longings to return home. Smaller spaces were perfect for Gaelic blessings and proverbs. So, you will not only get a great cookbook for your money, but you will also get a good read.

We thought long and hard abouta the format. And finally, although more expensive, we settled on the most functional and beautiful format of all - a 7 1/2 x 9-inch three ring binder with a laminated cover to protect it from spills. It looks good, it lies flat and it can be mailed in its own special box.

Now, for some of the hard facts about *Piping Hot* — it will be off the press in the middle of June and will cost $21.50 plus $5.00 s/h per book. *Piping Hot* will be available at Grandfather Mountain where it will have its official coming out party!

It promises to be quite a launching! Lady Macdonald of Macdonald, who has supported us through thick and thin, will demonstrate at Camp Yonanoka in Linville, North Carolina on Thursday, July 9 at 10:00 A.M., some of the recipes she donated to the cookbook. Lady Macdonald, the author of so many Scottish cookbooks, is well known on both sides of the Atlantic for her delicious creations based on only the freshest of ingredients. She regularly gives cooking demonstrations in Scotland and serves on The National Trust for Scotland's catering committee. With her husband, Lord Godfrey James Macdonald of Macdonald, Chief of Clan Donald, runs Kinloch Lodge, an elegant hotel on the Isle of Skye.

Since space is limited, reservations are suggested. There is a $5 charge, but that is just to cover the cost of the ingredients. Please call Scottish Heritage USA at 910-295-4448 to either order *Piping Hot - The Scottish Heritage USA Cookbook* or to make reservations for Lady Macdonald's cooking demonstration.

### Clan MacNicol International Gathering set for October

The 1998 Clan MacNicol International Gathering is set for Thursday, October 15 through Sunday, October 18 in Atlanta, Georgia in conjunction with the Stone Mountain Highland Games.

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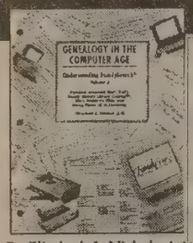

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Shown, with Tordarroch's pinsel, are Beth Gay and Frank Shaw with the handsome certificate presented to Beth.

*Ed note: I would like for EVERYONE to know how honored I am to be a part of Clan Shaw. Thank you to both Frank Shaw and Tordarroch and everyone who had a part in this lovely occasion and honor!*

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Winners: Local Genealogy and History Columns in Newspapers: 1st place Sandra Lake Lessen, West Jefferson, North Carolina; 2nd place, Ernest Thode, Marietta, Ohio; 3rd place, Erin W. Mangiapane, Mandeville, Louisiana.

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Seeking knowledge of **JOSIAH McCLAIN/McLAIN**, born 1788 and died 1883 Cobb Co, GA. He lived for a short time in DeKalb Co. I'm also seeking parents of **JAMES E. CLEMENTS**, born 1813, married 1838 Carroll Co., GA moved to Tallapoosa Co., AL before 1850; also seeking knowledge of **WILLIAM BEALL/BELL**, father of **ANDREW J. BEALL**, born 1815 NC and three other boys, **WILLIAM, JAMES, ELIJAH; ANDREW** married 1837 Upson Co., GA and moved to Russell, Chambers Co., AL 1854. Write **Virginia Tuttle, 761 Prince Ave., Marietta, GA 30062.**

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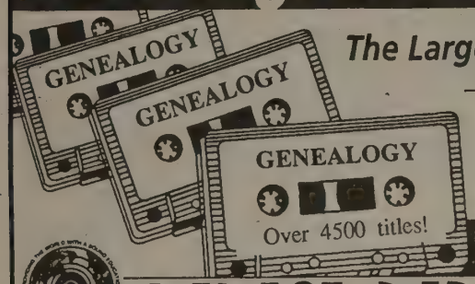


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## Skeleton hunters victorious! Boney one could not hide. Alice L. Guiher of Edina, MN wins the dog collar & lead... Jack Kirby of Cleburne, Texas wins Skeleton Closet Gift Certificate! If you find him you might win next time!

The boney-one just could not hide from our sharp-eyed readers last time. In the largest contest ever, Alice L. Guiher of Edina, Minnesota won the tartan dog collar and lead and Jack Kirby of Cleburne, texas won the valuable gift certificate from the Skeleton closet!

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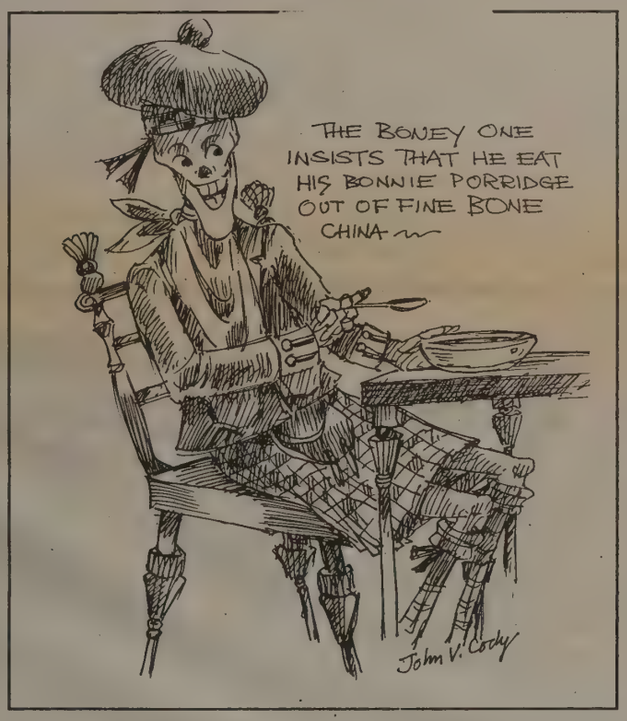


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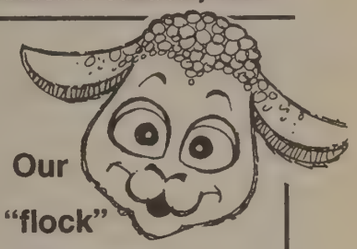
We combine these two statements and offer our contest to have some fun and find the skeleton in your closet...and win prizes too.

He's lurking somewhere in our pages. Track him down, send us a postcard and you just might win!



## Our "flock" increases! Thank "ewe!"

Jim and Carolyn Roberson of Granbury, Texas have sent along sheep for our Scottish Weekend decorations in the year 2000! We thank them and Jeri Martin of Lebanon, Tennessee and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Werdellin of Port Charlotte, Florida...who have also sent along sheep to us via the US Mail!

If you see a sheep at a garage sale, thrift store or junque shoppe...please think of donating it to the decorating project at the library in Moultrie. Most times, a bath in the washer and a little brushing will restore the sheep to like-new condition.

We do appreciate "ewe" and all of your kindness!

## How about a website contest?

Recently we received an anonymous letter from a member of a Scottish Clan who suggested that *The Family Tree* might like to begin a national/international web-site contest for those Scottish groups and genealogical organizations which have sites.

What do you think?

We do have computer expert friends who have agreed to judge such a contest. We would charge a small fee for entry which could go into the always almost empty Travel Fund coffers here at *The Family Tree* which would

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## Miz Ellen's Scrapbook

Happy Birthday Darling!
I hope and pray that you will have dozens more.
I love you so much!
Your hubby

A birthday note from Miz Ellen's husband, Jim Mack. Miz Ellen's birthday was July 5!

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## Urquhart plans Worldwide Clan Gathering in Scotland

The Chief of Clan Urquhart, in consultation with the Commissioners of Clan Urquhart for the United Kingdom and North America, has proclaimed that a Worldwide Gathering of Clan Urquhart will take place in Scotland in May of 1999. It will be similar to the 1994 Worldwide Gathering.

If you wish more information, please send your name and address and the names of any others who will be accompanying you, to Mrs. Christie Urquhart Walsh, Secretary, Clan Urquhart Association, 56 Waldorf Drive, Akron, OH 44313.

## Virginia Scottish Games set for July 24-26

The 25th annual Virginia Scottish Games and Gathering of the Clans will be held July 24-26 at the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. The City of Alexandria was founded in 1749 by Scottish merchants John Carlyle and William Ramsey. The city celebrates its Scottish heritage with the annual Virginia Scottish Games.

The Friday evening Concert will feature Seven Nations and will be held in the school's field house.

Iceland Air and BWI Airport will sponsor the Games this year. There will be two trips to Scotland the first awarded by raffle sold to the general public and the second awarded to one of the Patrons or Clan Sponsors.

The Games hotel is the Ramada Inn Old Town. Call 703-683-6000.

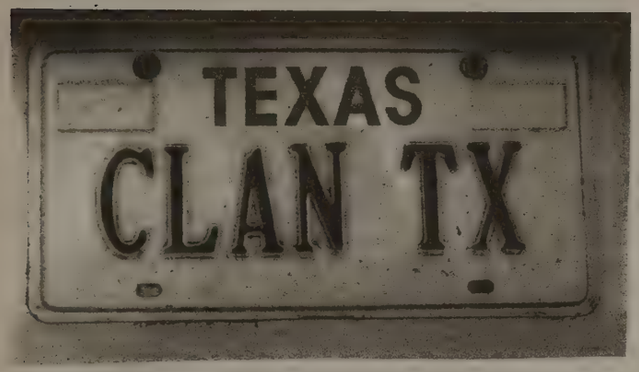
Call Scott Innis at 703-660-9237 if you wish other information.

## Seattle Scottish Highland Games set for July

The Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association, Inc., announces their 52nd Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering set for the 25th and 26th of July.

Take a trip to Scotland 25 and 26 July. Call 206-522-2541 for more information.

## Tags wi' a Scottish accent... this time from Texas!




M. Hollis Hutchinson, RN JD, Attorney and Counselor at Law, PO Box 180052, Dallas, TX 75218 sent us this photograph of his own license plate. Hutchinson is affiliated with the Regimental Scottish Country Dancers of Dallas.

If you have a special tag with a Scottish touch, how about sending us a pix!

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*T.N. Thompson*

## Oklahoma Civil War burial information sought

Projects are underway to identify the remaining living children of Civil War veterans and to locate the burial locations, in Oklahoma, of Union and Confederate Veterans. The Oklahoma Confederate Archives, a nonprofit Civil War research organization, is compiling the information which will eventually be made available for historical and genealogical research.

So far, eight "real sons and daughters" of Union and Confederate veterans have been located.

The public is requested to submit any known information concerning the burial locations of Union and Confederate veterans in Oklahoma. The veteran's and wife's full names and dates, unit served, headstone type and cemetery name and location is the type of information sought.

Information on real sons and daughters, burial locations of the Civil War veterans or other information in regard to the veterans can be sent to Oklahoma Confederate Archives, Inc., PO Box 691-921, Tulsa, OK 74169-1921. <macroute@juno.com>


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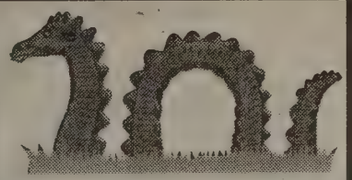

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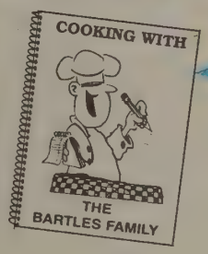


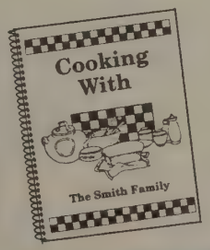


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Do you know **JULIA MURRAY? BEN F. HALL** born 8 January 1865, TX and died 3 Dec. 1935 Bryan Co., OK was son of **J.C.** and **JULIA HALL** born AL per 1880 census Pickens Co., AL. On **BEN**'s death certificate mother is shown as **JULIA MURRAY** born MS. Please write **Claire Dixon, 120 Oakridge Dr., Warner Robins, GA 31093.**

Seeking parents of **LUCINA TERRELL** born ca 1798 died 19 April 1845 buried Reynoldsburg, Franklin Co., OH. She married **PETER MILLS** ca 1826. Children: **NELSON, FRANCIS ASBURY, CHARLES, WALLACE, ROBERT, MARY ADALAIDE** and **W. RILEY**, all born OH. **Martha Ryan, 4168 Split Leaf Drive, Rockford, IL 61111.**

Seeking information on ancestors of **MARTHA CANNON LANCASTER** (28 May 1807 - 1870). She married **ROBERT HARRISON SHERMAN** in Hancock Co., GA 12 February 1828 and they eventually moved to Stewart Co., GA. Also seeking descendants of **JAMES BUCKER JONES** (1830-12 January 1885) of Early Co., GA by his first wife, **MARY ROE** (1830 - before 23 September 1863). Please write **Mercer L. Sherman, PO Box 5651, Valdosta, GA 31603.**

Seeking parents of **JOHN McCUTCHEON McCONNELL** born in Western Pennsylvania 1789. He was apprenticed to a tailor in Cannonsburg, PA at age 16. Family is supposed to be from Londonderry, Ireland. Please write **Florence Bryson, PO Box 253, Winchester, OH 45697.**

Can anyone help in my search for any information of the early life, the parents/family of my grandfather **ROBERT ROBERTSON/ROBISON** born ca 1834 in NC. No county or town is known. According to his death certificate, he was orphaned at the age of four years. **ROBERT** and **CATHERINE A. GARBER** married 3 September 1859, Douglas Co., IL. Six sons were born in IL and in IN before the family moved to SE Colorado where **ROBERT** died 8 April 1905, burial in the Holly Cemetery, Prowers Co., CO. I will appreciate any help. Thank you. **Mabel I. Robison, 1624 SE Miller Ave., Dallas, OR 97338-9347.**

I am looking for ancestral lines that go further back in time for the following five families: **REUBEN DUNN, SR.**, born ca 1765, Monroe Co., VA; **MOSES HODGE/HOGE** who had a daughter, **ELLEN**, born 1820, Mercer Co., VA; **JAMES KEATLEY**, born ca 1780 in Ireland, settled in Monroe Co., VA; **ABRAHAM SOVAIN**, born ca 1755, lived in Botetourt Co., VA; **JOHN CAPERTON** who married **POLLY THOMPSON, MARY** or **MARGARET.** They emigrated from Scotland to the USA. No lineage known for **JOHN** or **POLLY**. They were in the US late 1740s or 1750s. Their final residence was Monroe Co., VA. Please contact **Glen E. Pennington, 6845 Valley Brook Drive, Charleston, WV 25312. Call 304-984-9243.**

**$1000 Reward** for proof positive of parents and place of birth of **NEIL McDONALD.** He was into Mississippi by 1818. Please contact **Richard Roman, 232 Kittrell Road, Beaumont, MS 39423.**

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The annual Clan Donald Trust scholarship is supported by receipts from the Ligonier Highland Games held in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, the first weekend after Labor Day each year. The 1998 Ligonier Highland Games are set for September 11-13. Applications for the scholarship may be obtained by writing Robert S. McGinnis, Secretary, 218 Quaker Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

Information about the Ligonier Highland Games can be had by mailing a SASE to PO Box 884, Bethel Park, PA 15102-0884.

### Scottish pipe band to compete at Ligonier

Pipe Major John McIntosh of the Ku Ring Gai pipe band from Newtownmore, Invernesshire, Scotland, has advised the Ligonier Highland Games that he will be bringing his band to the United States to compete at the Ligonier Highland Games scheduled for the weekend of September 11-13 at Idlewild Park, Ligonier, Pennsylvania. John Beattie, owner of the Gaelic House in Ligonier has been instrumental in encouraging the Ku Ring Gai to make this trip.

In 1997, some twenty Scots came from the Hebrides to Ligonier to compete in the Gaelic Mod and the Highland Dancing competitions.

### Clan McAlister of America (CMA) to meet at Roanoke, VA

The Clan McAlister of America (CMA) will hold its biennial Gathering at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood Motel, Roanoke, VA July 2-4, 1998. The Gathering will consist of meetings, discussions of McAlister (all spellings) genealogy and fellowship. The Genealogy Room will be open on July 1 to assist members and prospective members who have genealogical questions.

Registration will begin on July 2. Please call the motel direct at 1-888-228-5040 or 540-774-4400 and ask for the CMA reunion rate.

For further information, contact the CMA president, Betty McAlister Johns, 512 Bader Ave., Waynesboro, VA 22980. Call 540-943-9466. Email: <bjohns@rica.net>

### Clan Montgomery Society to meet at Altamont, NY

The Clan Montgomery Society International's 1998 Annual Meeting will be held September 3-6 at the Ramada Inn, Western Aye., Albany, NY in conjunction with the Capitol District Scottish Games at Altamont, NY.

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**(RO 26) Southern Upper Saxony and Lusatia Circa 1765.** First drawn by Thomas Kitchin about 1765, this map, entitled *A Map of the Southern Part of The Circle of Upper Saxony with the Marquisates of Upper and Lower Lusatia* , depicts the area from Gotha, Eisenach and Coburg in the west to the Bohemian/Silesian border in the east, and the area along the Elbe from the city of Magdeburg in the north to the Erzegebirge region in the south. Useful for sorting out the small principalities and duchies in this part of Saxony and Thuringia in the mid - 18th century. **$5.95 + shipping**

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## What do you think about this idea? Let us know

Norma Neil of Bakersfield, California, wrote, "Do you know of any awards or competitions for commemorative Games programs? Our local Scottish society believes we are setting high standards with the media of a Games program. We have included many informative magazine style articles in the programs. It is artistic and creative and was produced 100% by our talented members."

Does anyone know of such competition? If not, what do you think about *The Family Tree* having a competition for Games Programs?

Please write and let us know what you think.

**Website contest**, *continued from page 1 B*

mean we would be able to attend more events.

The letter was written anonymously because the writer said, "...my national Scottish clan president prohibits our clan from having its own web-site. Our clan president has said that 'computer hackers could break into the personal bank accounts of our members through the clan web-site,' among other examples of wrong doing."

Your *Family Tree* editor has queried several computer experts who say that so long as the Clan web-site does not contain confidential information, the likelihood of such a happening as breaking into personal bank accounts is nil.

It is true that the Scots Clans and genealogical organizations which utilize the power of the Internet are finding that Internet information gathering is perhaps the quickest and least expensive method of discovering information - once the computer has been purchased. Clans report that the Internet web-sites generate new members and, along with e-mail, are a marvelous method of staying in touch with members scattered all over the world.

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# Scottish Country Dancing Where?

**Evelyn M.E. Murray, FSA Scot**

Scottish Country Dancing has been firmly established in the United States since the fifties. The first overseas Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society was Boston (incorporated April 1950). Between Boston and the Provinces of Quebec (Montreal) and Ontario (Hamilton), Scottish Country Dancing began to expand due to hard work, much finger-crossing, as well as great enthusiasm by a small group of dedicated people. Miss Milligan and Miss Lillian Ross were invited to travel from Scotland to instruct teacher training classes and then hold examinations to certify teachers.

The first Scottish Country Dance Weekend was held at Pinewoods, near Plymouth, Massachusetts, in the mid-fifties. This location is relatively central for the east coast and eastern Canada - thus enabling people from near and far to attend a concentrated weekend of classes and dancing, to make lasting friendships and take what they had learned back home. This, coupled with the habit of North Americans to move around, has resulted in RSCDS Branches and affiliated groups to be located all over the United States.

There are now thirty branches - including Hawaii - and seventy-four affiliated groups. Obviously, many are concentrated in specific areas, but thirty-eight states and the District of Columbia has either or both at least one branch or a group. This is a pretty good growth curve using voluntary help! Most branches have newsletters which they circulate not only to their members but to sister branches and groups and other Scottish organizations. Here in Boston, a copy of our Tartan Times goes to every branch in the USA and Canada, groups within a radius of about 500 miles, and to the Country Dance Society as well as to subscribers.

More about Pinewoods - it is a camp designed for dancing, by the Conant family before WWII, with four open air dance areas, dining room, camp house, offices and numerous cabins scattered discretely under the trees on a site between two lakes. The Conants ran it for years, but upon the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Conant, the camp was bought by a specifically formed nonprofit organization named appropriately Pinewoods Camp, Inc. The money was raised principally by small donations from individuals who love the place and who did not want to lose it to developers. Both the English Country Dance Society and the RSCDS Boston Branch have been the chief sources of income and continue to do so by contributing regularly.

Pinewoods "Scottish" is now two sessions, a weekend and a week, with guest teachers coming from Scotland, Canada and the USA. Many other branches hold either day-long workshops or weekends. Usually, these have live music and a formal ball for Saturday evening. For example: new York's Pawling; Atlanta's workshop and gala prior to the Stone Mountain Games, Seattle's Fort Wordeon; Washington, DC and Northern Virginia's Ramblewood - the list grows each year.

I do not have email, but if anyone would like to know where their nearest Scottish Country Dance Branch or Group is located - call me at 617-661-5899 where there is a voice mail machine for messages. Write Evelyn Murray, PO Box 38113, Cambridge, MA 02238-1113.

## Augustan Society has new addresses

The Augustan Society, Inc., has a new address. Contact them at PO Box 1100, Boron, CA 93596. The fax number is 760-762-9139.

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Let me find that one piece of information needed to help you over that brick wall!

For more information, references and fees, please send SASE to the address above, or email *<bml1@negia.net>*

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## Clan Scott has new website

The Clan Scott Society, Inc., has a new website. See their new page at <http://fyi-chicagoland.com/scott/main.htm>

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# Family Reunions * Gatherings * Family Meetings

### McElvy/McElvey Descendants plan 2nd reunion in Bainbridge

The Elder William McElvy Descendants Association will hold its second annual reunion in Bainbridge, Georgia on October 8 - 11, 1998. Hotel reservations should be made by calling the Charter House Inn, Bainbridge, Georgia at 912-246-8550. Mention that you will be with the McElvy Reunion, please. For events registration, contact Faye Stowe, 112 Canteen, Canyon Lake, TX 78133. Call 830-899-3632.

Elder William McElvy was a prominent Southwest Georgia Primitive Baptist ,minister, born 1778 in Georgia. He was instrumental in establishing churches in the Decatur, Early, Grady Counties of southwest Georgia.

Seventy-five descendants attended the first reunion where the guest speaker was the well known church historian, Dr. Wayne R. Faircloth.

This year's reunion will include guest speakers, seminars, field trips and a Saturday night banquet.

### Hooper Hiawassee reunion set for July

The ninth annual Hooper Hiawassee reunion will be held on July 18th at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiawassee,, Georgia, US Highway 76 West.

For more information, contact John T. Hooper, 467 Tamwood Dr., Mableton, GA 30126. Call 770-941-0328.

### Starved Rock site of Scriba-Schreiber Council reunion

According to George Scriba, President of the Scriba-Shreiber Council, the next Ramily Reunion of our American/Canadian cousins will be held on July 16th and 17th, 1999 in Starved Rock, Illinois, a State park 94 miles west of Chicago.

Organizer of the meeting is Delbert Holland. Contact him until November at 800 Chicago Ave., Mendota, IL 61342. Call 815-539-7155.

### 24th Deen & Creech Reunion in September

The 24th Deen & Creech Families of America Reunion will be held 6 September 1998 at the Carl Perkins Center in Morehead, Kentucky 40351.

For more information, contact Arthur Creech, 2784 State Highway, Olive Hill, KY 41164 or Lloyd Deen, 6770 US 60 East, Morehead, KY 40351.

### Wallace's meet in Oregon

The 1998 Wallace family reunion will be held on Sunday, August 23, 1998 at Daheny State Park, Troutdale, Oregon - east of Portland on the Sandy River.

To find the reunion, take highway 84 out of Portland, going east to Troutdale Exit. Go to the center of town to Historic Columbia River Highway (old 99 East highway). Turn left and follow through town. Cross the Sandy River.

If you have questions, call Margaret Kraemer at 503-256-3763.

CLAN TROTTER ASSOCIATION

The Clan Trotter Association is now being formed. All descendants are invited to apply for membership. Dues are $25 per year per family.

For more information on this Border Clan, contact
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**Clan Mackintosh of North America**

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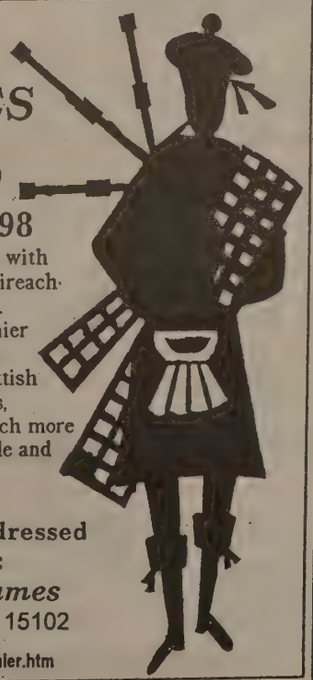

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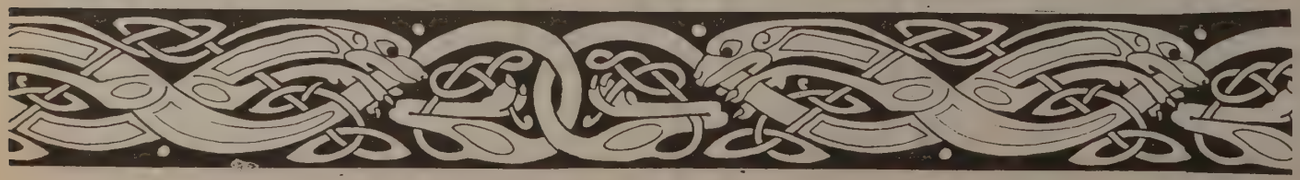

### Clan Macneil 77th annual meeting set for Grandfather

The Clan Macneil Association of America will hold its 77th Annual General Meeting, Part I, on Friday, July 10, 1998 at the Holiday Inn, Banner Elk, NC. The meeting will begin at 7 PM. Members attending will also participate in Clan functions at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Contact Doris Byrd McNeill, 704-399-1134 for more information.

### Celtic Women International, Ltd., invites you to join

Celtic Women International, Ltd., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, invites you to join. The purposes of this new organization are to celebrate and honor women of Celtic heritage throughout the world. Their accomplishments will inspire others to reach a higher potential.

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To receive an application for membership contact Celtic Women International, Ltd., PO Box 1384, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1384. Email: <cwi@phantasy.com>

### Has anyone heard of "Transmarine Scotland?"

Beverly Smith, 1807 Cooper Lake Road, Smyrna, GA 30080-6431 is seeking information on Transmarine Scotland. Has anyone ever heard of that?

Ms. Smith says this was after 982 AD.

Please write both Ms. Smith and *The Family Tree* if you have information regarding Transmarine Scotland.

Dear Editor, I am writing to ask you if you can read Indian writings or markings? I have a picture of my great grandmother, Mary Rowings Burch. On the picture frame are freehand carvings. It is on the bottom of the frame, the top and both sides.

I would appreciate any help on figuring out this puzzle. Any help would be appreciated or an address of a known source.

Please fax me at 970-641-5590 or call (answering machine after 5:30 PM Mountain Standard Time) 970-641-1453.

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**Another puzzle for our readers...**

# The Legend of the Dream Catcher

*The American Cherokee Confederacy News*

Long ago, when days were new, the Earth People saw, heard and felt Spirit Life all around them. Through neglect and laziness they lost this ability. They became confused, listening to every teacher. Some said, "Look west." Some said, "Look east." Some said, "Look north." And, some said, "Look south." Some said, "Look up." Some said, "Look down."

The People were lost and confused. Their homes were breaking up. The People became selfish. Yet, some few kept seeking the abilities of the new days.

A young man went on the hill, fasting four days and nights, praying for his people. Spirit heard him and came in the form of a spider. "My son, I am sent by the Spirit to help you. You must relearn the seventh direction, 'within.' Watch. I am going to make some medicine to help you."

The old spider bent a twig and wove a web within. He hung a feather for the Owl People, bringers of dreams; a shell for the Water People, that the dreams might be clear. He positioned himself within the center.

"The beginning of the seventh direction is dreaming. Share with others. Do not judge. Be loving. Before you sleep, look at me here in the center. In your mind, ask me for help. During the night, I will catch a few of your dreams and hold them. Upon awakening, before moving, concentrate on me and I will give you the dreams you have captured. Don't give up. Persevere and I will help you find the seventh direction...the teacher within."

As the young man watched, the old spider emitted a great light. When it diminished, he had transformed himself into a clear crystal. The young man took this medicine to the People and some found the beginning of the seventh direction.

Many Native Americans believe that if a dream catcher, which has been made in the proper way and with the proper prayers while making it, is hung over the bed of a child, it will allow only good dreams to enter and will catch all the bad dreams. The bad dreams will disappear at first light of dawn.

**Are you an American Indian?**

The American Cherokee Confederacy was incorporated in the state of Georgia in 1976. We are accepting members with 1/16 or more of Indian heritage. You don't have to be just Cherokee, as long as you don't belong to another tribe or organization.

For information, contact the American Cherokee Confederacy, Tribal Office, 619 Pine Cone Road, Albany, GA 31705-6906. Call 912-787-5722.

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## Dawes Rolls are now on the Internet!

The American Indians who were accepted on the final rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes as members of the Cherokee, Seminole and Creek tribes - those 50,000 more or less people - can now be searched on the Internet. The records of the Choctaw and Chickasaw have not been entered, but it is reported that they will be completed soon.

This record was produced for members of the Dawes Commission from 1898 to 1914 in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). It was required that each person applying had to prove their ancestry and their tribal affiliation. The evidentiary documents are included in the case files of all those who did apply which is a wonderful source of information for today's genealogists.

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has a NARA Archival Information Locator (NAIL), which is an interactive database on a wide variety of NARA's holdings. This source is updated weekly. Search at <http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html>

## Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan planned for September

For the 160th anniversary of the 1838 Trail of Death, the Fulton County Historical Society will organize the 3rd Commemorative Caravan from Indiana to Kansas. It will begin Monday, September 21, at 8 AM in front of the Fulton County Museum (IN) Museum where a special Trail of Death - Father Petit marker was dedicated last year.

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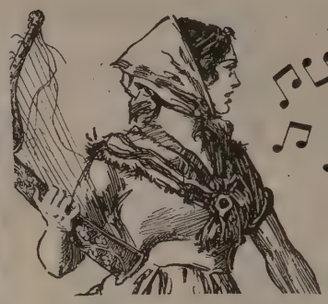

# MUSIC REVIEW:

## Mary McLean Hoff

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There is plenty to satisfy listeners who prefer their traditional music a bit more upbeat as well, including a set of three reels as well as the brilliantly executed "Midnight on Raasay / The Braemar Cappuccino," which features Fraser's fiddling at its best.

Those who prefer their music in the slightly less traditional vein will appreciate piper Eric Rigler's "Walking the Plank," a tune that strays just a bit toward the edge.

Farther yet from tradition is the lovely, Basque-influenced "Donistia," which weaves together the voices of Rigler's pipes and Chris Norman's flute.

It is hard to choose a cut from this album that best features Norman's flute- or for that matter, to find the best from bassist Mick Linden. Both are among the finest at what they do, and this album is filled with examples, but the best for each is probably "Skirray," written by Norman.

The liner notes and design are also excellent, just one more aspect of the total package that makes this a "must have" album for anyone's Celtic music collection.

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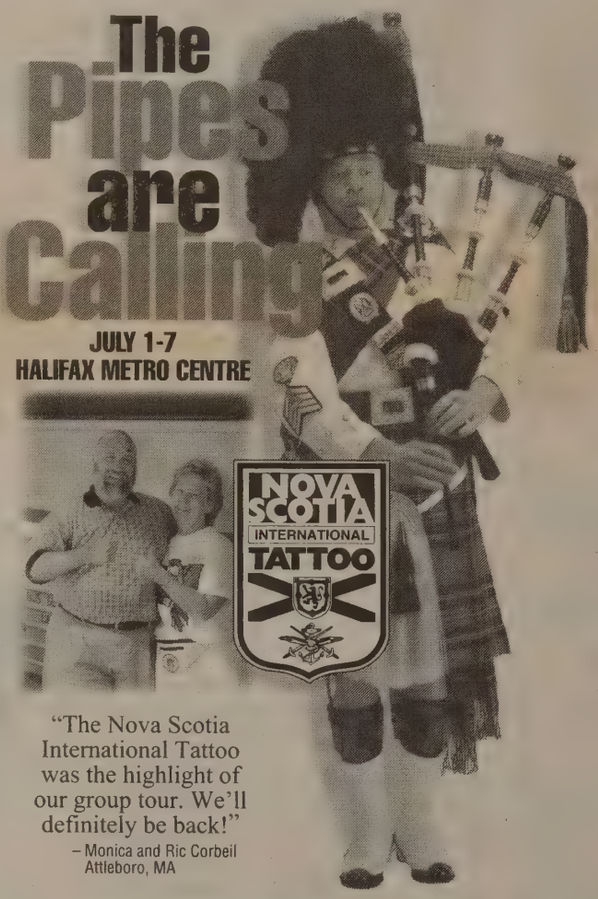


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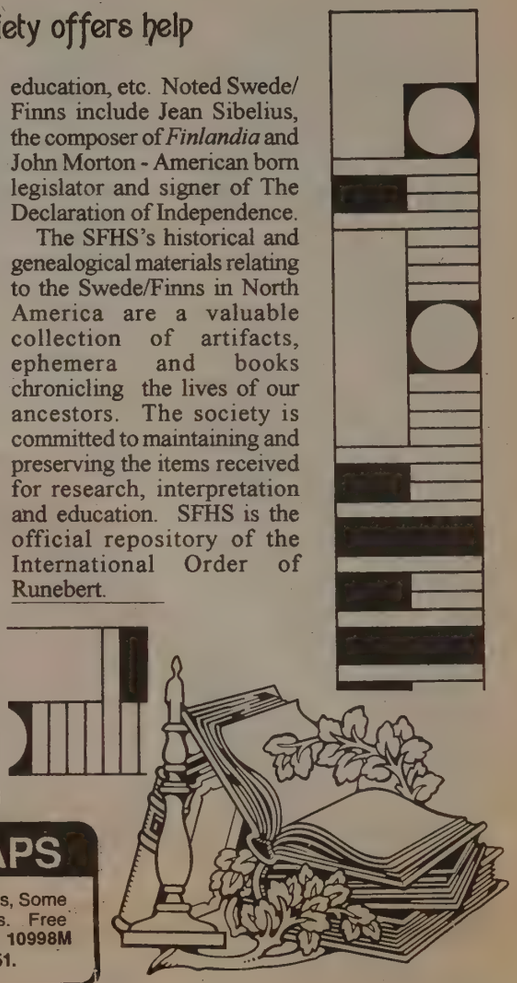


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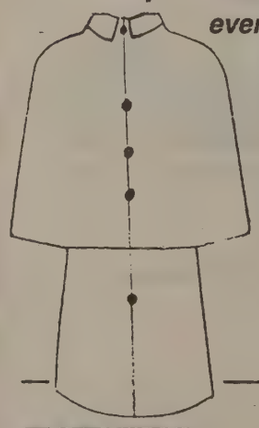

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# COSCA Report

**Col. Bob McWilliam**

In my last report, for those who read the fine print, I described the Caledonian Foundation's Communication Seminar from which description one can conclude that the Scots are coming and there is going to be some earnest fund raising in the not too distant future.

Recently, I picked up a book entitled *The Millionaire Next Door* by Thomas J. Stanley and William Danko and William Danko. It has been on the *New York Times, Business Week* and *The Wall Street Journal's* Best Seller list.

I think our cousins in Scotland picked up the same book, because on page 17 in a table entitled "The Top 10 Ancestry Groups of American Millionaire's" the Scots placed second following the Russians. The author's state that the Scots represent 1.7% of all US households and, along with a number of other statistics, point out that the percent of the Scottish ancestry group that are millionaire households is 20.8% (20.8 in 100 households are millionaires) and they make up 9.3 of the millionaire households in America.

That is good news for Scottish fund raisers.

The bad news, which the authors explain in some detail, is that first the Scottish-Americans tend to be frugal.

More than 60% of Scottish ancestry millionaires have annual house hold incomes of less than $100,000. \On average, they live well below the norm for people in various income categories. A significantly greater number of all millionaires with Scottish ancestry reported paying less for items they buy than the norm for all millionaires in the sample.

Well, as one enthusiastic Scottish fund raiser recently said, "We don't ask you to give us the money, just show us where it is."

In looking over COSCA's roster of member clans and associations, I have noticed an unusual number of retired military personnel holding high offices. I am taking the liberty to describe two dinners I attended at the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment, a Canadian Army Reserve unit located in Windsor, Ontario and an 84th Division Retirement Party I attended two weeks after my last Essex and Kent dinner.

In June of 1986 I attended my first Clan Donald AGM in Detroit, Michigan. One of the options on the weekend agenda was a trip over to Windsor, Ontario, Canada and a dinner in the Officer's Mess of the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment, a Canadian Army Reserve unit and one of 15 Scottish regiments in Canada.

During World War II, the unit participated in the Commando raid at Dieppe, France. The regiment went in with 550 personnel and withdrew to their landing craft with 23 wounded enlisted men and one officer. The unit was reconstituted and joined the Canadian forces during the invasion of Europe and after the war, served as an active reserve unit.

A bus load of Macdonald's signed up for the trip, lead by our Guest of Honor, Clanranald, the Chief of Clan Ranald and his lovely wife. We boarded our bus and headed for the Canadian boarder. At Canadian Customs and Immigration, their Immigration Officers boarded the bus, checked our identification and hauled Clanranald and his wife off the bus and into their headquarters building.

Twenty minutes passed and it looked like one of our favorite Clan Donald Chiefs was in big trouble.

The fact that Clanranald and most of the rest of us on the bus were in pretty high spirits may or may not have had something to do with it. At least, none of us were driving.

After some additional delays, Clanranald and his wife were released and we rumbled onto the Windsor Armory. The dinner and the Officer's Mess and Club were an outstanding success. The wine, port and Scotch flowed and the regimental pipe and brass band played.

We were all piped into the dining room and the Regimental Chaplain "Addressed the Haggis" with great vigor.

The dinner went off without a hitch and after dinner there was more wine poured and Scotch, cigars and many toasts. At the end of the evening, we boarded our bus and headed back to Detroit. Our raucous singing group passed through American Customs and Immigration with a wave of the hand.

At that dinner, I was met and was befriended by a young captain, their regimental adjutant, who invited me to come up on any Tuesday or Thursday evening after their drills - which invitation I used whenever I was in Windsor on business. Eventually, I was invited to their Regimental Dining Out Evenings - which I attended on several occasions.

This last March, I received an invitation from my friend who - through the intervening years - had risen to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and had just assumed command of the regiment. I accepted this invitation and showed up in my full dress military evening attire.

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## Internet Resources

By **Kevin Cloud Brechner** Special to *The Family Tree*

Up to this point we have discussed researching family lines within the context of the politics and history of earlier times, how to find maps to locate your tribe if you are not sure from which nation you descended, and how to take into account the evolution of Indian names. This column deals specifically with providing you some tools to begin your search. To use these tools you will need a computer, modem, and internet access through either an internet service provider or an on-line service such as Prodigy, AOL, or CompuServe. It is assumed that you already know how to use a web browser, open web pages, and use search engines. Here are the disclaimers: Internet sites are very dynamic. By the time this article is published some of the addresses listed may no longer operate or may have changed addresses. All the web addresses were operational at the time of this writing, but the usenet subscription and IRC procedures were not tested. We apologize to any Indian Nations with websites we have left out of this listing and to any other Native American Genealogical sites we missed in our surfing. If you do not have a computer or internet access, save this column for future reference and begin your research by finding the Family History Center (FHC) nearest to you. It is one of the single best resources for Native American Genealogy. Family History Centers are a service of the Church of Latter Day Saints and are located in almost every major city and many small communities. They are open to the public. You can call 1-800-346-6044 to find the FHC closest to you. Some of the larger FHC's, such as the one in West Los Angeles, offer very good free seminars on tracing American Indian ancestors, and have many important documents like the Dawes Rolls of the "Five Civilized Tribes" on microfilm, or the Journal of American Indian Family Research (JAIFR). As you read this, the internet rapidly is changing the very social fabric of our civilization. It is changing the way libraries operate; it is changing the way people communicate; it is changing the way people do business; and it is changing the way people do genealogical research. Tens of thousands of new websites are being created everyday. The explosion of information is mind boggling. The best place to do deep genealogical research is still the library, but the internet has already become one of the best places to get started with your research. We are going to examine some of the many, many sites devoted to Indian genealogy, culture, and history. Sites marked with a (C) indicate a commercial site where information or services are offered for sale. Less than two years ago, only a handful of websites dealt with Native American issues. Now there are thousands. To find those thousands of websites, one of the best places to start is: The Native American Genealogy Website: http://users.aol.com/bbbenge/front.html This website is a labor of love of genealogist Barbara Benge (Cherokee-Delaware), with the help of her mentor Karen Price-Pfister (Cherokee-Choctaw), Ed Mentz (Native by marriage & by spirit and an expert in Canadian Natives genealogy), and others. In its first year of operation, this website had over 100,000 visitors, and is one of the principal jumping off points to the many sub-areas of Native American Genealogy. It has many articles on getting started in your research. It contains links to tribal nations, pow wows, maps and bookstores that specialize in Indian books. It is the best place to get your feet wet. Closely related is: The Native American Genealogy Newsletter: http://users.aol.com/gfskate Another labor of love from genealogist Kathye Hyde (Cherokee). More than just a chit chat newsletter of gossip, this one is more like a journal, and has much useful information, lectures, and data such as enrollment records from Carlisle Indian School. Definitely worth the stop to see if it has any information pertinent to your search. Also closely related is:

The Native American-African American Genealogy Website: http://users.aol.com/angelaw859 Once again, a labor love, as so many websites in this area are, of Angela Walton-Raji, author and one of the foremost experts on the joint heritage of African and Native Americans. Particularly among the Southeastern tribes, a very strong multi-racial influence occurred. At this web site you can link to Cyndi Howell's List: http://www.CyndisList.com/ This page started humbly in 1966 and has evolved into one of the most important on-line genealogical resources. It is a great site for beginners, and has information on how-to-do internet searches. Indian Blood (C): http://indianbl.digigo.com Richard Pangburn has written two major volumes on Indian genealogy called Indian Blood, Volumes 1&2. A third volume is close to being issued. The first volumes

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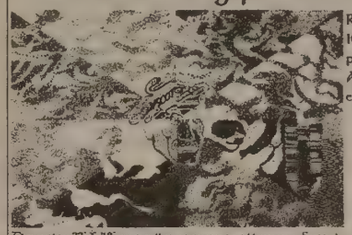

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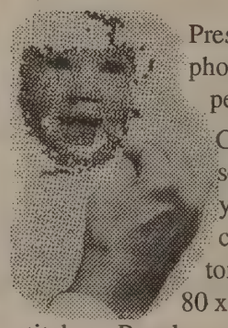

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There will be an outing to the Fort Wayne Public Library which has the second largest holding of genealogical data in the country. There will also be a visit to the local LDS Church Family History Center. There will be other diversions such as a botanical garden, a children's zoo, Headwaters Park, golfing and shopping.

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Seeking parents of **WILLIAM BAIRD** born 9 May 1789 and died 20 Dec. 1859. He married (6 Dec. 1806), **ELIZABETH STRADER PUTNEY** who was born 1783 and died 1864 in Williamsburgh Twp., Ontario. Living on lot 33, Con. 2, Lyn, Elisabethtown, Ontario on March 1806. Write **Dale F. Baird, Sr., 2608 S. Hooker, Denver, CO 80236.**

**MacCUBBIN.** Seek parents and grandparents of both **AARON HOLLAND MacCUBBIN (McCUBBIN)** 1811-1868 and his wife **MATILDA RYLAND,** 1816-1887, married 1833 in Baltimore, MD. They resided continuously in MD, but can only locate in 1850 census. **CASE:** Seek proof that **BUEL CASE,** 1788-1864, who married **ABIGAIL WATERS** 1809, was the son of **EPHRAIM B. CASE** 1761-1833 of Simsbury, CT. Also need proof that **BUEL's** daughters are **CLARISSA, ELIZABETH.** He resided during married life in Delaware Co., NY. **BURBANK(S):** Seek marriage record 1901/2, for **COMMODORE BURBANKS** and **SUSIE,** who were living in Shady Grove, Greene Co., AR. 1910 census with children **WILLIE, EVERT, HARRY.** Need parents names, also. Please write **Emily Robinson, 4013 Cleveland St., Kensington, MD 20895.**

Who were the husbands of **SUZANNA MORRISSEY** (1691-1710), daughter of **JAMES MORRISSEY** born 1645. All alive in New Rochelle, NY as of 1710 census? Please write **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta, Sun City, CA (Riverside) 92586.**

Wish to exchange data with **DELANEY DESCENDANTS** from eastern Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. **JANE DELANEY,** born 13 Oct. 1791; died 1 August 1862. She married **JAMES ATKISON, SR,** ca 1806. She is buried at Ridge Burials (Presbyterian), Archer Twp., Harrison Co., OH. Children intermarriages: **KYLE, RICHEY, MITCHELL, BUSBY, HEAVILIN, HITCHCOCK, HEDGES.** Families west to Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska. **Mrs. Walter B. Forbes, 4023 Via Encinas, Cypress, CA 90630-3431.**

**GEORGE SINNOTT RATH** (1796-1852) married **ANN SINNOTT HAY** (1819-1879). Who were **GEORGE** and **ANN'S parents?** Their children: **WILLIAM SINNOTT RATH** (1831-1904) who married **ELIZABETH TALBOT** (1866-1953) and emigrated to Canada via New York, San Francisco 1886. **GEORGE** born ? died 1879, **MARY** born ? - died 1985 Ballinaclash, **EDWARD** born ? died 1854 California, **JANE** born ? died 1920 and married **JOSEPH GREENE** of Ferns. They had one son, **DR. GEORGE GREENE.** Siblings of **ANN SINNOT HAY RATH** were **WILLIAM HAY,** MD (1812-1854). He was Medical Officer of Enniscorthy Poorhouse. **HARVEY HAY,** was the Ambassador to the US and **EDWARD, MARY.** Were the **RATH, SINNOT, HAY** families interrelated. Please write **Elizabeth Talbot Dart, Box 21, Site 43, Fanny Bay, BC, Canada VOR 1WO**

## Wonderful resource in the National Archives of Canada (NAC)

For years there were rumors that a great hoard of genealogical material existed in Washington consisting of the records of the Tsarist Russian Consuls in Montreal, Halifax and Vancouver. It was known to have disappeared in 1917 — the year of the Russian Revolution — and was thought to have been sent to Russian Consulates in the United States which did not recognize the government of the USSR until 1933.

In 1980, a NAC search team found the records in an underground vault in Washington. Although the official period covered by the documents is 1900-1922, many records in the collection date back to the 1850s and some back to the early 1800s. The collection relates to people who came from the area covered by the old Russian Empire before 1917. In modern ethnic terms they include: Jews, Ukrainians, Russians, Finns, Poles, Byelorussians, Lithuanians, Latvians, Estonians, Armenians, Doukhobors, Germans (Mennonites), Georgians, Cossacks and several other minority groups.

Some idea of the extraordinary size and nature of the LiRaMa Collection can be gotten from a general list of its contents: (1) About 100,000 registration forms containing names, places and dates of birth, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, occupation, names and places of residence and next of kin, places and lengths of residence in Canada; (2) About 150,000 photographs; (3) Cancelled passports and other travel documents; (4) Birth Certificates, identity cards, war service records, affidavits, school records, estate records and wills.

With thanks to the *NEWSLETTER of the Wyandotte County Genealogical Society*, PO Box 4228, Kansas City, KS 66104-0228. *(Sorry, they did not give any other contact information for NAC. Your ed.)*

## Interesting Swiss notes

Did you know that Voltaire, Brecht, Mussolini and Trotsky were exiles who all sought refuge in Switzerland at one time or another?

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If you are tracing your Swiss roots in Italian-speaking areas, you may want to contact a professional group located in Ticino: Societa Genealogica della Svizzera Italiana SGSI, President: Giovanni M. Staffieri, via Cantonale 1a, CH-6900 Lugano.

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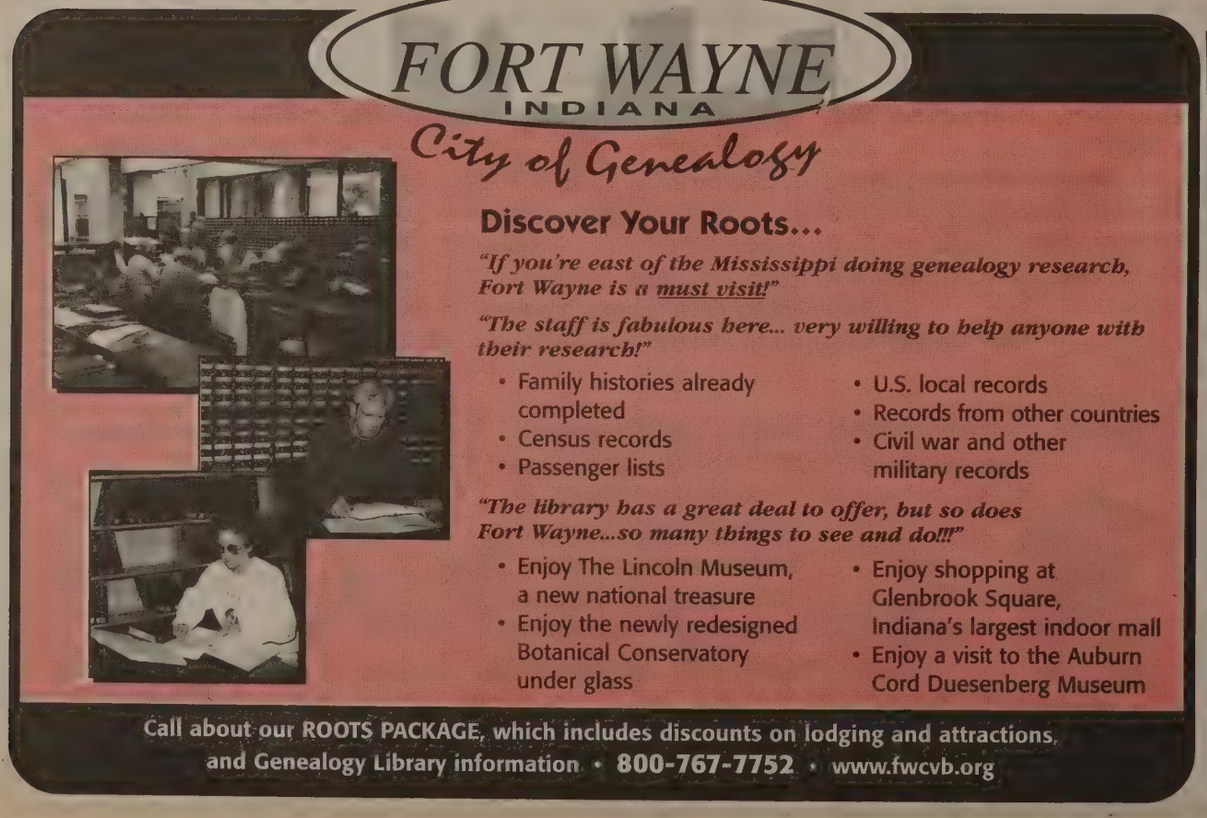

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Seeking information **JOHN HUGO ERICKSON** born 17 March 1885 Stockholm and died January 1933 Alaska. His sisters: **ELBA JOHNSON, ALVA KARLSON, GERDA PERSON**, Minneapolis, MN. Please write **Mrs. Ebba E. Montgomery, 1048 Beech Lane, Anchorage, AK 99501.**

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10th g-grandparents, Germany: **JERG REITTER/ANNA ?** (son **JERG REUTTER**), **HANS FUNCK** (daughter **SUSANNA FUNCK**). Switzerland: **PETTER SCHALLENBERGER/BARBI STEINMANN** (Children: **MEDLEN, ANNA, BARBEL, ELSI, PETER, LUCIA, CATHARINA, CHRISTEN SCHALLENBERGER**). England: **ROBERT BARRON** (son **ANDREW BARRON**); **WILLIAM EWENS/MARGARET CLEMENT** (daughter **MARY EWENS**), **THOMAS MARXHALL/MARY FITZGERALD** (son **JOHN MARSHALL**), **THOMAS FORREST/MARGARET FOXE** (son **PETER FORREST**). **FORREST'S** to Jamestowne, VA 1608. **Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901.**

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Seeking information: **GEORGE ELLIS WADE (WAITE, WAIDE)** born 1853 AL. Lived Coffee, Fentress, Picket and White Counties, TN. Appears 1880 Clinton Co., KY census. Married to **TILDA JANE STRAUELS**. Son, **ARA C. WADE** born September 1882 Rolan, KY and died 1956, IN. Researching surnames: **WADE, STRAUELS, JOHN BEATTY** born 1725; **COOPER, MOSES HULL; ELIZABETH CROCKETT; SOLOMON ROUSE; JONES, JOSEPH KENNEDY** born 1839, KY; **NOAH ROGERS** born 1809 - 1893; **JAMES FLOWERS**, born VA: Rev. War - Yorktown; **POLLY KRUNK** born about 1780; **JOHN FORREST McWORTER/McWHIRTER** born 1805, KY; **CRAIG, WRIGHT.** Will answer all with SASE. Any information appreciated. **Dennis Wade, 57 Elmwood Drive, Tallmadge, OH 44278.**

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Nephew, **Eugene M. Withers** is seeking descendants of **GENEVA LILIAN JACKSON MASON** born 1899 and married 24 February 1919 to **LEO N. MASON** in Cleveland, OH. Daughter of **MONTAGUE** and **LULA BELL JACKSON; GENEVA** lived at 2367 #. 59th St., Cleveland, OH in 1919. **Eugene M. Withers, PO Box 28291, Cleveland, OH 44128.**

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Working on **JORDAN** book and need information re **Dorothy A. Knapit**, born 30 January 1892 and died December 1971. She was the daughter of **ALFRED CARSON BUTLER** and **ADDIE LUCILLE JORDAN** who was born 31 July 1899 and died 29 July 1983. Looking for information on **KEITH HERNANDEZ** who played for the New York Mets. His mother was a **JORDAN.** Please write **Jeanette Pittman, Rt. 5 Box 353, Jasper, TX 75951.**

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**Maurine Parker, 1704 Cedar Bend, Lufkin, TX 75904,** seeks parents of **MINERVA WHITTINGTON**, born ca 1855 and died 28 January 1873, and married **BENJAMIN HARRISON CHILDS** 1869. They had two children. On 1870 Carroll Parish, LA census. **LAURA NEVILS** living in the home. Was she related? Also seeking parents of **MORGAN PALMER**, born 2 Sept. 1819 and died 28 August 1873. Bondsman at **WILLIAM SMITH** and **MARTHA DICKENS** wedding 1848 Copiah County, MS. **MORGAN** married **AMANDA KIRKENDALL** 1842-43, probably in MS. They moved to Nacogdoches Co., TX 1849. Children: **RICHARD, JAMES CARRELL, CELIA ANN, WILLIAM, ELIZABETH PALMER.**

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Seeking parents and siblings of **LOUISA DOUGLAS** born 26 April 1809, maybe in Maine and died 3 June 1892 in McLean Co., IL. Both of her parents are believed to have been born in MD. She married **JESSIE R. COX**, born in PA. Please write **Aileen Shield, 603 S. 7th Ave., #F, Sterling, CO 80751.**

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I am trying to find my great granddad, **WILLIAM STEVEN WEEKS.** It is believed he was born in Randolph Co., GA ca 1840. I do not know anything about him or his parents. Please write **Frank Weeks, 61 Chancey Lane, Kinsey, AL 36303.**

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I am searching for my 2-great grandfather. My 2-great grandmother, **MARGARET McALISTER**, was born 1790 in TN. Head of the household in 1850 with three children, **ELIJAH, FRANKLIN** (my great grandfather) **and RACHEL**, living in 1st Civil District of Bradley Co., TN. Need name of **MARGARET's** husband and information on **RACHEL McALISTER** and her two sons **JOHN H.**, born 1851 and **JAMES**, born 1865. Write **J. Dean McAlister, 157 Spring Creek Drive, Pineville, AL 71360.**

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Seeking parents and siblings of **M. E. (ED) LANDERS** born 1872 in IN. 1st record found in TN was marriage, 1895 Lauderdale Co,, TN. He died about 1808 in TN. I don't know where - no death certificate found. Will share any information. **Jean Gourley-Churchill, 522 American Rd., Nashville, TN 37209.**

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**LIDDELL/LIDDLE:** Seeking parents/siblings of **JIMERSON LIDDELL** born 18 April 1800 New York and died 8 November 1856 Jefferson Co., **MS.** He married **MARTHA ANN BALDRIDGE** who was born 15 June 1815 and died 29 January 1891. Write **Barbara Liddell Thornhill, 117 Apple Circle, Crossville, TN 38555. <novatr@usit.net>**

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Seeking **JOHN KENNEDY**, born ? and died 1777 Burke Co., NC. His wife **MARY** remarried ? She was known as **MARY ARMSTRONG** 1809 Sumner Co., TN. Sons **JOHN, SAMUEL, WILLIAM, THOMAS KENNEDY** had land grant 1778 adjoining **DANIEL KENNEDY** Washington Co., NC, later Greene Co., TN. **WILLIAM** later to Sumner Co., TN. **JOHN** of Green Co., TN married ? had **SAMUEL**, born 1780; **JOHN**, born ca 1783; **ROBERT, HANNAH. JOHN** born ca 1783 died 1844 Shelby Co., IL married **MARGARET TADLOCK.** Children: **SAMUEL** who married **MELINDA COX; JANE** who married **DAVID REED; ELIZA** who married **WILLIAM LILLY; WILLLIAM LEWIS** married **MINERVA SEITZ; MARTHA** who married **WILLIAM RANKIN** and **MORRIS REECE CHEW; JAMES** who married **MARGARET SEITZ** and **EMILY NEIL; SEVIER; NANCY** married **DAVID BONECUTTER; MARGARET** married **ALFRED CHEW; HANNAH** married **WILLIAM RITTER; ROBERT PORTER KENNEDY** born 1830 Rush Co., IN, died 1920, Walla Walla, WA and married **RHODA SMITH** and **MARGARET JACKSON DENNISON.** Possible relatives: **SIMPSON, TAYLOR, ROSS, BOGGS, PORTER GILLIS.** Please write **Elaine Anderson, 5510 W. Pershing Ave., Glendale, AZ 58304.**

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**BAIRD**: Looking for antecedents of **EDWARD BAIRD** born ca 1775 Pennsylvania. Found in Erie, Pennsylvania, 1800. He married **RACHEL MARSH** and they lived in Cincinnati 1816, 1817; Darke Co., OH 1820 (wagonmaker); Preble Co., OH 1830, 1840. Children were **JAMES, THOMAS** born 1817, **LAODICIA** born 1828, **BOY, GIRL, GIRL.** Please send any information to **C.W. Baird, 1704 Eaglenest Trail, Powell, WY 82435.**

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Missing **GLOVER's**. 1860 US Census Tuscaloosa Co., AL shows **JAMES** and **NANCY GLOVER** with sons **WILLIAM**, 24, **JONATHAN E.**, 22, **FREDIE**, 18, and **THOS.**, 16. Can find no trace of them anywhere since. This sister, **ELIZABETH**, was my ggmother. **Claire Dixon, 120 Oakridge Drive, Warner Robins, GA 21093.**

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**DENTON POLK HAGGARD:** Born ca 1845 in Roane Co., TN and died ca 1899, believed in Atlanta, GA. He was the son of **WILLIAM H.C.** and **NANCY (DEATHERAGE) HAGGARD** and grandson of **REV. GRAY** and **JANE (GILLILAND) HAGGARD** of Roane Co., TN. They migrated to Fannin Co., TX. He married 1875 **NETTIE MINOR** at Denton, TX. He was the second born of six children. They were **MARGARET, FRENCH, ENOCH, ROBERT, MARY JANE/JANNIE.** He is recorded as having been a private in Co. D/5th Cavalry/TN Militia. **REV. DENTON P. HAGGARD** was a minister of the Methodist-Episcopal Church and pastor of the Hempstead, Texas Church and Senior Editor of a prohibition paper. Family history states, as a widower in poor health he moved to Atlanta to be hear his children. Only two sons are named: **ERNEST HAGGARD**, born ca 1874 and **WILLIAM HAGGARD**, born ca 1876. I am seeking descendants or persons who can supply information on the family of **REV. HAGGARD.** Please reply to **R.C. Haggard, Haggard Family Association, 405 Spring Road, Atoka, OK 74525. <rhaggard@atoka.net>**

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Need parents and date and place of birth of **ANDREW COWAN** who died Abbeville District, SC 1786-89 and his wife, **ANN.** He died Abbeville District, 1831. Need wife of **AARON TILGHMAN**, born 1770, Dobbs Co., North Carolina. She died 1830 Clarke Co., Georgia. Need the name of his mother. His father **MICHAEL TILGHMAN** born Somerset Co., MD, died Beaufort Co., SC. **Karen Kay Esberger, PO Box 116, Midlothian, TX 76065.**

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Need any information on **DAVID WORLEY**, born 1815 and married 1837 **ELIZABETH HARRISON**, born 1920. Their children were: **MARTHA, WILLIAM, ADALINE, MILLY, JANE, HIRAM, CLEMENTINE, GOODALL, EVALINE, SUSAN**. They were living in White County, TN 1880. Please write **Gloria L. Ouvry, 22631**

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Seeking parents and siblings of **JOHN A. DAINS/DANES**, etc. He was born 11 June 1926 in Pennsylvania and died Montgomery Co., OH 5 March 1893; he married **MARY A. WALTERS** 23 October 1855 Miami Co., OH. Please contact **Gary R. Weibaum, 336 S. Chillingworth Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33409-3816.**

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Need **KIRKLEY** help. **LAURA L. KIRKLEY** born GA 1833 married **MALCOM MORRISON** 11 December 1852 Perry Co., AL. Cannot locate her in 1850 census. Was her father **WILLIS KIRKLEY** in SC? **Claire Dixon, 120 Oakridge Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093.**

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Seeking the birthplace and date of **NORMAN McDONALD**, his parents and maiden name of wife. They lived in Butler Co., PA in 1825. **Maurice V. McDonald, 702 N. Broadway, Beloit, KS 67420. <mmcdonald@nckcn.com>**

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## Anybody working on Mark Grundy?

Seeking information **MARK GRANDY/GRANBY/GRANDEE/ GRUNDY** born March 1774, Scotland. It is alledged he migrated with brother about 1790. They separated in New York, never to reunite. **MARK** married **ELIZABETH WHITE,** probably in Genesco (later Livingston Co.,) NY about 1799. They were in Monroe Co., Rochester, NY in 1840. **MARK** died 1854 in Dereham, Ontario, Canada. His son, **MARK** married **JULIET DUMOND**. She was born in Ithica, NY. Both lived in Dereham, Ontario, Canada. **Donald Hatfield, 550 Forest Park Circle, Auburn, AL 36830.**

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The St. Andrew's Society of Connecticut will hold its 15th annual Scottish Festival at Goshen Fairgrounds on Route 63 in Goshen, Connecticut on Saturday, October 3, 1998.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the day in the entertainment tent. Performing will be Gaelic singer Maggie Carchrie, singer Charlie Zahm, fiddler Ronnie Stewart, singer John Chalmers and harpist Kasha Breau.

Competitions will be held for solo bagpiping, athletics and Highland dancing. Children's games will also be provided.

There will be numerous bagpipe bands playing throughout the day climaxing in massed bands. There will also be numerous Scottish clans present.

The 42nd Royal Highland Regiment of Foote (Black Watch) will have a historic encampment ca 1745.

The Games will open at 9 AM and end at 5 PM, rain or shine, as indoor facilities are available. Admission is $7 per adult, $4 for ages 6-16 and seniors. Under age 6, tickets are free. No pets are allowed within the grounds.

The St. Andrew's Society is a nonsectarian cultural and charitable organization. Proceeds from the festival will go to various charitable organizations both in the United States and in Scotland, such as Highland Hospice,

Please contact Betty Oderwald at 203-366-0777 for more information.

## Come to Central New York Scottish Games in August

The 1998 Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival will be held on August 8, 1998 at Long Branch Park, Liverpool, NY. Competitive events begin at 9 AM and the festival concludes with closing ceremonies at 5 PM. A ceilidh follows in the park without additional admission charge.

For more information write CNYSG, PO Box 6405, Syracuse, NY 13217. Call Nancy Bloss, 315-463-8876.

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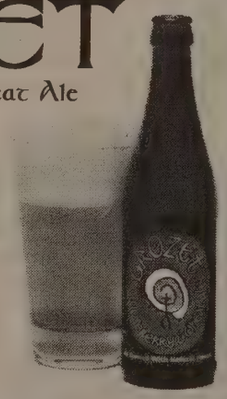
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Highland Dancing, pipe bands, amateur Scottish athletic competition will be the main events. See Brigadoon Children's Village, herding and terrier dog trials.

Admission prices are $8 for adults and $5 7-17 years of age and 6 and under free. Call 757-548-4516 for more information.

# Family Reunions * Gatherings * Family Meetings

### Wells Reunion in DC

Delores M. Walker is seeking descendants of her grandfather, Ned or Nedward Wells and Grandmother, Harriet Green Wells - for a family reunion in Washington, DC this summer, July 22 - July 26.

Anyone with information about Ned or Harriet Wells descendants should send information to Delores M. Walker, 3001 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89106-1313. Fax (702) 646-6826. Email <Rebaby3@aolcom> Related surnames include Jackson, Green and Gaddis.

### Jury family to meet in September

The 1998 Jury Family Reunion will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on Saturday, 19 September 1998. Contact Ron Bremer, PO Box 16422, Salt Lake City, UT 84116.

### Stockwell Family Association reunites in NH

The 21st reunion of the Stockwell Family Association will take place on Sunday, August 9 in Croydon, New Hampshire in the Lake Sunapee region. For further information, contact Walton F. Stockwell, PO Box 1110, Campton, NH 03223. Email: <Flagman@LR.Net>

### Lundy's meet at St. Simons

The Robert Lundy Family of Georgia will hold their annual reunion July 17, 18 and 19, 1998 at Epworth By The Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

For more information, contact Dianne Mizelle, 490 Newhope Drive, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. Email <MisiDi@aol.com>

### Calvert/Jacobs families to meet in PA

The 1998 Calvert and Jacobs Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 15, 1998 at Betty Jean (Jacobs) and Don Weaver's farm in Apollo, Pennsylvania. For information, contact Thomas W. Jacobs, Box 182, 148 William Penn Trail, Deer Lake, Chalk Hill, PA 15421-0182. Call 724-438-5778.

### Lumsden/Barclay families meet in KY

The Lumsden/Barclay Family Reunion will be held August 1-2, 1998, after 3 PM at the Recreation Building at Columbus/Belmont State Park at Columbus, Kentucky for hamburgers and hotdogs (Saturday). On Sunday, the reunion will be all day with a potluck luncheon.

More information is available from Alice Lumsden Brown, 1301 Boast Road, Pine Bluff, AR 71602. <albrown@seark.net>

### Baird Family Reunion set for June 18-21

The next reunion of the descendants of Silas and Mary Addeline (Fyffe) Baird is scheduled for June 18-21, 1998, on the campus of Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. Silas Baird's father was Andrew, his grandfather was Adam, great-grandfather was John and the immigrant ancestor was great-great grandfather, Adam Baird, who arrived in South Carolina in 1774 from Ulster, Ireland.

Housing will be arranged in university apartments for $10 per person per night.

David Baird can be reached at 310-456-4225 or by email at <dbaird@pepperdine.edu> Write for further information: Baird Family Reunion, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90263-4225.

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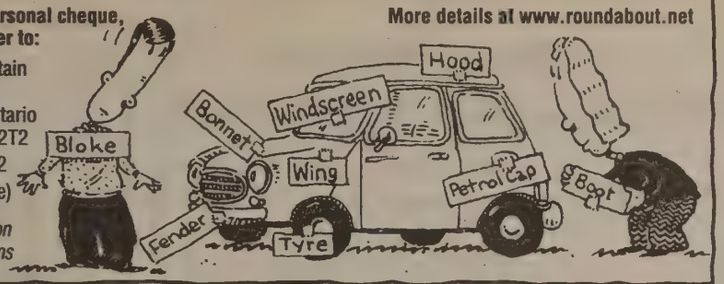




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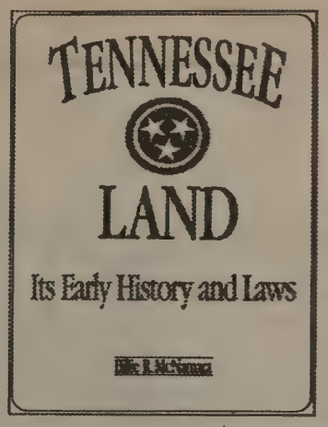


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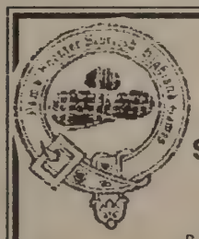

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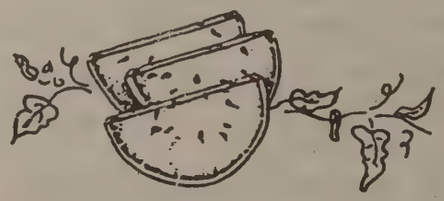

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Contact Carole Bonnell, PO Box 4282, Spanaway, WA 98387.

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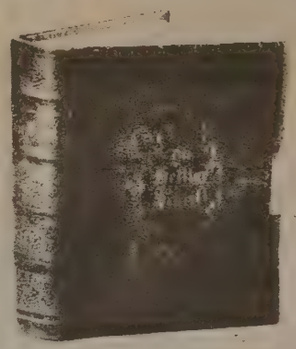

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The group is attempting to locate the remaining riders and their descendants to collect biographical information. It is known that several riders lived in Oklahoma and surrounding states.

The Orphan Trains are part of America's history that took place between 1854 and 1929 when an estimated 150,000 orphaned, abandoned and homeless children were relocated from the east to the Midwest and south.

Today, a conservative figure of two million descendants exist in the United States. Many are not aware of their "free-home" placing out of their ancestors until beginning to research their roots. A child born in New York City around the turn of the century, but lived to adulthood in a Midwestern or southern state under a different name is possibly an Orphan Train Rider.

To submit biographical and descendant information, or to request registration information for the reunion, contact Ida Mae Wilhoit, 3523 S. New Haven Ave., Tulsa, OK 74135-4514.

### Orphan Train records now open

The home that sent children to the Orphan Train in the late 1850s has opened its record to the adult adoptees. Contact The New York Foundling Hospital Records Office, 1173 Third Ave., New York, NY 10021. You may also contact The Orphan Train Society of America, Rt. 4 Box 565, Springdale, AZ 72764.

## More "Great Query Paper" queries

Seeking information on the ancestors and descendants of **RICHARD POWELL** born 2 September 1783, South Carolina. He married **CHARLOTTE GRIFFIN** who was born 14 February 1792 in North Carolina. They were married 15 August 1814, Fair Bluff, Robeson **County,** North Carolina by the Rev. Mansell. **CHARLOTTE** may have been Native American. Have names and birth dates of their 20 children, but little more.

Also need information on **GEORGE W. WHITE** born ca 1791, North Carolina or Scotland? He died Pike County, Alabama ca 1900, age 109. **He married REBECCA FLOYD** born 1815. Three children: **ELLA** married **NIX, MARGARET L.L.** married **ROLLINGS** and **SARAH MARTHA** who married **KINZY KENER POWELL. GEORGE's** second wife was **VINNIE/VINEY.**

Also need information on **JOHN M. WILKS I *who was born 3 May 1825 in* South Carolina** and who died 7 March 1894, Troy, Alabama. He married **MARY GULLEGE** who was born 9 March 1824 South Carolina and who died 7 January 1894 Troy, Alabama. They had six children: **JOHN M. II, JIM** who married **CATHERINE CHESSER, JEFF** who married **MARY PUGH, ELIZABETH** who married **BURRELL PUGH, POLLY** who married **BURDICE/ BURDIC, HENRIETTA PRISCILLA** who married **DANIEL BRADLEY MILLS I.**

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Clan Chief Pauline Mullen Hunter will attend the 1998 Annual Meeting of Clan Hunter Association USA will be held in conjunction with the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games, July 31-August 1, 1998, which take place in Livonia, a western suburb of Detroit.

## Chief Pauline Mullen Hunter to attend Hunter gathering

Madame Sonia Hunterston, Chief Pauline Mullen Hunter's mother, will also attend the meeting. They both will also attend the Canadian Clan Hunter meeting the following week. Chief Hunter will be the special guest of The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

The headquarters for the meeting of the Clan Hunter will be the Livonia Marriott Hotel, the host hotel for the games.

The 179th annual Highland Games of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, the oldest Highland Games in North America, will be held on Saturday, August 1 at the Greenmead Historic Village.

Contact Harold and Marty Hunter at 314 S. Connecticut, Royal Oak, MI 48067-2981. Call 248-545-1997 or email <hmhunter@gateway.net>

### Thank you Ms. Harn!

Sandra M. Harn of Savannah, Georgia has donated a tartan kilted skirt and scarf to The Odom Library. Thank you very much Ms. Harn!

## Clan Donald USA AGM set for Massachusetts

The 1998 Clan Donald USA Annual General Meeting is set for September 24-27 in Dedham, Massachusetts - just south of Boston.

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The gathering of Clan Donald will include tours, workshops, meetings at all levels, receptions, dinners and opportunities to get to know fellow Clansmen and Clanswomen.

If you wish further information concerning the Clan Donald USA AGM, please contact Mairi MacDonald Gray, New England Commissioner to CDUSA, at 103 Wilson Ave., Torrington, CT 06790-6418. Call 860-489-9509.

Many members of Clan Donald are planning to attend the New Hampshire Highland Games the weekend prior to the CDUSA AGM and some plan to extend their stay with a trip to Nova Scotia and Canada following the CDUSA AGM.

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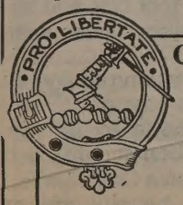

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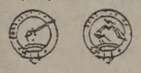

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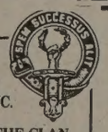

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# Glimpses of Old-World Scotland

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*from our last issue...*

When we consider these Scottish soldiers were, at best, earning a few pennies, rebuked hundreds of dollars worth of fertile lands to change their allegiance, strongly underscores their heartfelt belief, "Let us never disgrace our forefathers." Examples of respect for family honor appear repeatedly in the records of Highland regiments. In the early days the tribunals of the British Army and the Royal Navy regularly levied cruel punishment on transgressing service men.

In the Highland Regiments if some young soldier was getting a bit out of hand or "feeling his oats" so to speak, his commanding officer had only to mention, "Stop misbehaving or I shall tell your parents." The awed soldier would immediately reform his thoughtless ways! In the American or Scottish home today would we still find such a level of respect for family ancestors?

Occasionally I receive a letter asking how to approach name searching in old Scottish municipal records (1300s forward). Most searchers have no positive inkling where distant relatives may have lived in Scotland. In one of my earlier articles, I reported a good friend living at Ayr suggested researchers contact the librarians of towns near your search areas. These sources are more acquainted with "one of a kind" local records. Too, they have had other such requests and can offer sound advice as to where or where not to research.

Because of the style of early English spelling, ancient municipal records are difficult to accurately interpret. In most, if you find your family name it will not be in current spelling form. The pronouncing sound of the name is usually that of today. Many names of the famous landed gentry and rulers of the day are the same as the current name form. Lesser family name groups change.

Writing abilities were scarce in the "commoner" families. Family records were retained by memory and oral recitation. They knew their family identity and were not too concerned if others understood. As you advance through the centuries, most instances of current name spelling will be revealed. Your problem will be to take these family names and advance them forward and hopefully they will blend into your family tree.

In the last few weeks, the movie *Titanic* has gained rapt attention. Much has been reported about the famous 1st class passengers. Little or nothing is said about the hundreds of different nationalities traveling in the Steerage class...who, in a sense, were murdered by confinement.

This event happened in 1912. Shortly afterwards a body recovery mission set out from Nova Scotia. Hundreds of bodies were found floating in the area. Once again the 1st Class idea prevailed. Bodies identified or assumed to be crew members or steerage passengers were not completely identified or recovered. They were buried at sea. Many of the recovered bodies were interred as unknown. This is a classic example of breaking the family tree chain at an early date.

How then can we learn of the early times in Scotland. Luckily, P. Hume Brown authored *Early Travellers in Scotland* published in Edinburgh in 1891. The author spent years carefully researching published accounts of travelers in Scotland before 1700. He searched for other than Englishmen or the Continentals because their observations might be biased. He found one traveler from Denmark but none from Norway or Sweden. It is only from these three countries that Scotland before the eighteenth century can be fairly judged. There may have been travelers from these three countries in Scotland before the 1700s but no accounts of their visits were left. Brown assembled 24 travel accounts starting with Edward I (1295), the reign of David II, two during the reign of James I; three during the 1400s, five during the 1500s, twelve during the 1600s (1600-1689) plus three keyed maps of Scotland; 13th century, 14th century and Scotland from *Mercator's Atlas 1595*.

The observations of early travelers paint a detailed mosaic of factual daily life of Scotland and the inhabitants therein. Up to the latter part of the 1500s learned men commonly believed Scotland was an island separated from and larger than England. It lay not north or south rather east and west in the direction of Denmark and Norway. The expression "Les Catholiques des deux Isles"...the two islands being Scotland and England appears in *Histoire de France*, i. 172(1581).

Hector Boece's *History of Scotland* was published in 1527.

From the writings of visitors after 1527 it is clear that they were using Boece's publication as a tourist guidebook to explore unchartered areas. Sadly, some of the better explorers, observationwise, lacked composition skills and their publications were scant.

A scribe who accompanied Edward I to Scotland in 1295 presents the first notes on the country as he actually saw it.

Although early Irish saints visited Scotland they did not record their journey, of if they did they were destroyed by wars and raids of a later date.

Most of the early travelers carried letters of introduction to a person of wealth or royalty. Because of the news and stories these visitors could relate, they were warmly welcomed. They may have stayed several days or several weeks. When they departed they carried a letter of introduction to a friend of the host in another part of the country.

This visitation level would naturally effect the tourist's personal observation of lower class living conditions.

Visitors of the 1600s and 1700s presented more caustic reports of Scottish life. One traveler boasted he departed London, spent a year in Scotland experiencing the highest level of board and lodging and returned home without spending a penny of personal funds!

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